

- Ocean Thermal Power: Department of Ocean Technology is going to undertake a pilot project of one MW at Chennai. Keeping in view the high cost of diesel and the fact that most of the generation is diesel based in this territory, one MW Pilot Project of Ocean Thermal Power should also be undertaken in the Andaman and Nicobar Group of Islands.

2.1.2 By Shri Manoraanjan Bhakta:

- SPV-based Power Supply System has not been found upto the mark mainly on account of poor maintenance and, hence, its replication in other remote areas needs to be decided keeping in view the requirement of adequate maintenance support facility.

- It is necessary to maintain some uniformity in the daily duration of the supply of power in different islands.

- Those who have encroached on land should be provided electricity connection as they cannot be denied this basic facility.

2.1.3 By Shri Bishnu Pada Ray:

- At 17 locations in the southern group of islands, the availability of power is for 5 to 10 hours, which needs to be extended.

- In 73 revenue villages, only solar lamps have been installed and these villages need to be electrified at the earliest.

2.2 Clarifications by Joint Secretary, Power, Government of India:

- The power distribution schedule is not uniform in all the islands as the power supply and generation is on stand alone basis. As far as Port Blair and nearby areas are concerned, the power availability will be further improved after the 20 MW Power Project (IPP) of Surya Chakra is commissioned at Bambooflat.