

The proposal regarding enhancement of cost of Kalpong Hydro-Electric Project from Rs 40 crore has not yet been received in the Ministry of Power. As and when it is received, will be processed on priority. He further stated that the NHPC is hopeful of commissioning this project by June, 2001.

Alternative system of power evacuation from M/s Surya Chakra Power Project has been approved by the Ministry of Power. This needs to be monitored and completed before the generation project is commissioned.

#### 2.2.1 Remarks of Hon'ble Home Minister:

The Hon'ble Home Minister enquired about the approximate number of families living in unauthorised settlements who had not yet been given electric connections, the period since when these settlements had come up; and the impact on the availability of electricity to the existing electricity consumers, in the event it is finally decided to extend the facility also to those who had unauthorisedly encroached. On being informed by the A&N Administration that 46 settlements having around 4000 dwelling units in encroached forest areas had not been provided electricity connection, the Hon'ble Home Minister desired that the LG should get this problem examined in detail and send a report to him indicating the approach that could be adopted to resolve this issue without unduly affecting the existing consumers.

#### AGENDA NO. 3

#### Development of education

##### 3.1 Issues raised

##### 3.1.1 By Lt. Governor:

The practice of allotting a fixed number of seats to the students of A&N Administration in professional colleges (agriculture & allied sciences) has been discontinued by the Government. However, the ICAR, later at the instance of A&N Administration agreed to allot 35 seats to the Administration on the condition that 50% of the grant would be borne by the A&N Administration. Since this is beyond the delegated financial powers of the LG, approval of Ministry of Home Affairs is sought on this proposal.