

Point-06

Providing of treated drinking water to tribal villages

Background:

- (i) In most of the villages in Nancowry group of islands, Little Nicobar, Katchal Islands and Great Nicobar are dependent on Well water
- (ii) Untreated water is used in a entire tribal villages
- (iii) Yield test of the wells not done
- (iv) Perennial/ Bore Well/River osmosis not tapped
- (v) Lying pipelines are hardly available
- (vi) Desalinization plant installed – Not working
- (vii) In some islands- no source of drinking waters – for collection drinking waters - tribal come by Dingi- journey of 2 ½ hours
- (viii) Water borne disease alongwith Malaria is a very common problem
- (ix) In some islands, rain harvesting tank cracked/leaked not repaired since many years

Suggestion

- (i) Ensure supply of treated drinking water, construction of CWR, lying pipelines
- (ii) Expedite construction of treatment plant
- (iii) Integrate the existing Wells in the village, use pump machine and supply treated water
- (iv) Find out new water sources – perennial, Bore Well and River osmosis
- (v) Repairs of existing rain harvesting tanks
- (vi) Regular visit by PWD department to each village atleast once in a fortnight with available boats.
- (vii) Stationed one cargo boat at Kamorta islands to carry capital goods for construction of infrastructure
- (viii) Cargo boats of Shipping Department should be used for Southern group of islands

Point-07

Power – Electrification of tribal villages

Background:

- (i) In 90 to 100 villages, electricity not provided
- (ii) Street Lights are not maintained
- (iii) Bills of street lights are pending
- (iv) Solar Lights in some villages are not working
- (v) Some poor tribal cannot pay electric bills.
- (vi) Problem of staff posting in remote tribal Islands
- (vii) Increasing power supply from 8/16 hours to 24 hours
- (viii) Laying underground cable – Saving Coconut Plantation
- (ix) Shortage of quarters and repair of existing quarter/power house
- (x) Outstanding dues of 29 Govt department from 4/92 to 9/2002 amounting to Rs. 1.12 Crores

Suggestion

- (i) Villages are to be electrified
- (ii) Payment of street lights should be made through TSP, like in Andaman District GIA (PRI)
- (iii) Conversion from solar light Diesel Electricity
- (iv) Supply 24 hours of power supply
- (v) Laying underground cable
- (vi) Poorest of the poor may be exempted from payment of electricity
- (vii) Boats to be provided regularly for providing inspection and construction activities