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Laying underground cable

Underground Cabling (UG) would be around 4 to 5 times costlier than construction of overhead T&D system. At present CEA approves overhead T&D system in different schemes. New schemes for UG cabling system will have to be prepared and submitted to CEA for their technical approval before these could be implemented in such small and isolated locations having very small power requirements.

Qtrs. to be constructed & repairs to be undertaken.

Qtrs. as per approved plan programmes are under construction by APWD. The repair of qtrs./bldg/office are also done by APWD.

Outstanding due should be realised

This is being taken up with concerned department for settling their outstanding dues. This problem has arisen s most of the officers of different departments posted at these outlying islands are not having financial power to sanction the payment of energy bills, which are to be got through their respective head offices at Port Blair. This problem could be solved, if the bills of the various govt. departments are settled by Electricity Department, once quarterly by booking through PAO & Sub-PAO, as is being done at Port Blair, which is being examined.

Point-08 Providing of telephone facilities

About 100 villages not provided with Telephone connection

Out of 204 revenue villages, 201 have been provided with Telephone facilities. Remaining three are scarcely populated (having a population figure ≤ 100).

In Southern Group of Islands, there are 191 tribal villages out of which 64 villages are having a population figure ≥ 100 . Out of these 38 have already been provided with Telephone facilities. Rest 26 will have to be covered.