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needs of business, hotel & resorts etc. and further requests could be considered only after finalization of ICRZ Plan.

(Action: UT Administration)

39. Exemption for the Scheduled Tribes of A&N Islands from Payment of Income Tax.

The Committee was apprised that the matter was taken up with the Department of Revenue who has not agreed to. Hon'ble HM desired that the matter may be pursued again with the Ministry of Finance.

(Action: MHA)

40. Speeding of sub marine cable laying work & bandwidth doubling of for immediate needs.

The Committee was apprised that the Government of India has approved laying of OFC from Chennai to ANI for enhancement of bandwidth and for that tender has been floated. It was decided that DOT will be requested to expedite the process.

(Action: DOT: MHA: UT Administration)

41. Solar panel in every house rooftop, solar panel in every islands. Procurement of DG Set for immediate crisis

The UT Administration apprised the Committee that 1 MWp Rooftop Solar PV Plant has been installed in 15 Govt. buildings through Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI). Firms have been empanelled for installation of 1 Kwp to 10 Kwp Roof top solar aggregating to a capacity of 2 MW on private residential buildings.

15 MW Diesel Generator on hiring basis is proposed to be established at Port Blair in lieu of 20 MW independent power producer (IPP), for which tender floated. Besides this there is a proposal for revamping of 15 MW Chatham Power House (Diesel) under Japanese International Co-operation Official Development Assistance (ODA). The Committee noted.

42. Rutland water project, Flat Bay sweet water project and Sippighat water project.

The UT Administration intimated the Committee that Rutland water project was proposed to be completed in three phases. Phase-I and Phase-II have been completed. For Phase-III, Engineers India Ltd. has been selected and engaged as technical consultant for the project. The consultant is in process of initiating geotechnical investigation for undertaking the project.

Regarding Flat Bay Project, it has been decided by UT Administration that instead of high investment project, other small project in pipeline and installation of R.O. plant may be considered.

Regarding Sippighat water project it was informed by UT Administration that issue of land acquisition and the matter regarding an appropriate amount towards compensation