

D. (i) URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)

23.	Sewerage Disposal System for Port Blair A&NI Admn and MP, A&NI	<p>Out of 537 Islands in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 37 Islands are inhabited, which are scattered from Diglipur to Campbell Bay, with 504 habitations. Some of the habitations are even not connected with road. As on date most of the habitations are covered with potable drinking water either by piped water supply or by ring wells. As on date the APWD, which is the major executing agency provides water supply in addition to road, buildings and other public works. A dedicated team is required to plan, co-ordinate and execute water supply projects.</p> <p>In addition to the water supply it is also proposed to provide sewerage system for Port Blair town area at present and other areas in future. Detailed Project reports are already prepared for laying of sewerage lines with treatment plant and other facilities in Port Blair Municipal Area. It is proposed to commence the work in the next financial year. The cost of this project will be around 300 crores or more.</p> <p>To plan, monitor and execute these water supply and sewerage projects, a dedicated team of officers is required and accordingly it is proposed to create a circle with a Superintending Engineer with three Executive Engineers for water supply and one Executive Engineer each for sewerage and planning with other sub-ordinate officials. Cost is 300Cr</p>	<p>In the context of discussion on sewerage disposal, ANI Administration informed that the water problem in Port Blair would be resolved by November, 2011.</p> <p>It was decided that the sewerage disposal system for Port Blair may be pursued for approval of the competent authority. Funds for the project may be requested in the Annual Plan of ANI Administration.</p>
24.	Creation of a dedicated water Circle for A&N Islands MP- A&NI	<p>Despite all development schemes and efforts and colourful dreams of developing tourism in the islands, sadly water has been a difficult commodity to provide to the permanent residents of A&N Islands. Largely, raw water is supplied to the residents without any filtration or treatment. During the lean season stretching over four to six months, the frequency and volume of water supply keeps decreasing to an alarming 20 minutes supply even to the extent of a gap of 4-5 days between supplies in Port Blair town. This crisis situation is not new alternate day's supply having begun in 1978.</p> <p>The local prominent News Paper namely the Light of Andamans, Aspect, Andaman Express, The Chronicle, The Sagar etc. highlighted the water scarcity and criticize the Administration an Govt. of India.</p> <p>The infrastructure for harvesting rain water exists only in the form of one Dhanikari Dam for Port Blair Municipal area and surroundings. Rural areas are supplied with direct public pipelines from earthen/concrete check dams. A&N Islands exists in high risk seismic zone. The alarming situation in case of an earth quake damaging the water harvesting infrastructure, which has no back-ups is horrifying to imagine.</p>	<p>ANI Administration informed that the water problem of Port Blair would be resolved by November 2011.</p>