

Many DPC members complained that even after tendering the works, works are not started for a very long periods. During which, Shri. Pradeep Singh, Commissioner -cum- Secretary (PW) told that hereafter a meeting will be convened by EE concerned of the area with PRIs once in a three months in order to review the progress of the works and ensure the timely completion of the works. In this regard, immediately a circular will be issued.

Shri. Narendra Kumar, CE, APWD told that in past there was delay in the execution of works due to want of cement but now they are having adequate cement and bitumen etc in stock. So, there will not be any delay hereafter.

The Hon'ble MP suggested to do works in the pattern followed by the ALHW/MES/Municipal Council/PRIs and purchases the steel and cement from local markets. It will be cheaper and help to complete the works in time. The CE assured to study the pattern followed by the PRIs and others in detail and if possible, he will implement the same.

WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION

The Commn-cum-Secretary (PW) intimated that Flat Bay and Dhanikhari projects are under consideration of the Hon'ble LG. The CE told that projects are being prepared to supply water from Diltaman, Nayagaon and Chakkargaon.

The Hon'ble MP said that even today 80% of the water supplied in A & N Islands is untreated one e.g. southern group of islands including Campbell Bay, Diglipur, Neil, Havelock etc. Hence, action is to be taken to provide treated water to the islanders. The same point was also raised during HMAc meeting and Hon'ble Home Minister directed the administration to take up work immediately.

Smti. Kumari Raghavan, Up-Adhyaksha told that even after 35 years of settlement they could not able to get water supply. During which, the Hon'ble MP told that action may be taken to tap the water from Prem Bahadur nallah and Swaroop nallah and supply it by providing pipeline from 12 KMs to last in Campbell Bay. Further, the Hon'ble MP reminded that few months back a high level committee has visited Southern Group of Islands and a detailed minute was prepared. In which, it is stated as to where treatment plants, pipeline etc are required. The tour notes of that visit may be perused and incorporated in the plan, by which, the people in the Southern Group may able to get treated water and other basic minimum services.

Shri. Ebrahim Ali Hussain, Member told that arrangement is to be made at Chowra Island to convert the seawater into freshwater by installing the machineries immediately.

Smti. Minoti Biswas, Member told that the water required for the Port Blair and adjacent areas are coming from Dhanikhari Dam but the 3 adjacent Gram Panchayats near Dhanikhari is not getting water from the Dam. In addition, the Indira Nallah and Chouldari dams are under construction. As such, proper arrangement is to be made to supply water to the near by Panchayats. She further added if 2 Mtrs barrier is constructed at Vasundhara darn at Humfreygunj, then from that source some water will be available for use.