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PUC is regarding privatization of civil works of various department undertaken by APWD. In this connection say that we have made a total provision of Rs. 18.00 lakh comprising Rs. 1.00 lakh towards maintenance of the office building of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Rs. 12.50 lakh towards completion of spill over works of the Ashram (Nicobarese Guest House) at Karmota and a token provision Rs. 5.50 lakh towards construction of Transit Tribal Hostel at Brookshabad under Annual Plan 2002-2003.

The construction work of the Ashram at Karmota is nearing completion. A RCC retaining wall is required to be constructed to provide support to the building, for which an estimate for Rs.10,67,311.00 has been framed by EE, APWD, Campbell Bay and submitted to the SEPBCC who, in turn, has sent the estimate to CE, APWD. The CE, APWD has been requested vide this office DO.letter No.1-741/98-TW/950 dated 27.9.2002 page 3-4/c to send the estimate to this office for administration approval and expenditure sanction. The cost of the RCC retaining wall will be met out of a provision of Rs. 12.50 lakh made under scheme No. 6 of the Annual Plan 2002-2003. So the first priority is to be accorded to completion of construction of Ashram and its retaining wall at Karmota during current financial year 2002-2003.

The drawing for the Transit Tribal Hostel is being prepared by the Senior Architect, APWD, Port Blair and is likely to be available during October, 2002. The CE, APWD will be asked to frame necessary estimate after the drawing of the building has been approved by the competent authority. So the Transit Tribal hostel could be accorded to the second priority. So far as the maintenance of the Office building is concerned the EE, PBSB has already been requested to carry out necessary repairs and he is being pursued.

We may send a reply to the Deputy Secretary (Public Works) in the above lines if approved, a draft letter is submitted for approval please.

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As amended.

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