

## Regarding power supply in Andaman and Nicobar Islands-laid

**SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA (ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS):** Andaman and Nicobar Islands are currently facing indiscriminate power cuts during the hot and humid climate, which is having a significant impact on the people. These power cuts are occurring throughout the day, from morning till night, without any prior schedule or warning, causing great inconvenience to the public. The primary reasons for these power cuts are reported to be faults in some DG sets and underground electric lines, as well as a shortage of power supply due to under frequency/overload as there is substantial gap between demand and supply coupled with T&D system faults. Demand for power in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is expected to increase significantly in the coming years too specially due to the new airport terminal building which will bring more domestic and foreign tourists, further increasing the demand for power. As a result, it is important that the Government takes necessary steps for ensuring sufficient power supply to the public, particularly during the hot and humid seasons and chalk out a permanent solution and take necessary steps to provide additional 15MW of DG capacity to the Andaman and Nicobar Administration in order to overcome the crisis situation and provide immediate relief to the islanders.