

**Reply to : Calling Attention tabled by Shri. Premendra Shet, Hon'ble MLA**  
**,Mayem Constituency.**

**“Fear and anxiety in minds of people of Mayem on account of lack of streetlights. People have to walk in the dark at nights thereby leading to accidents also frequent low voltages affect functions, festivals and shops and public utilities like hospitals . The steps of the Government to rectify the problems”**

There should not be any undue apprehension in the minds of the People due to non functioning of streetlights. Even though some street lights are currently non-functional it may please be noted that most of such street lights have become non-operational only during the current spate of monsoon fury. It may be noted that in the month of June 2023 almost all the street lights were working and non working street lights were being attended as per complaints received .However with the onset of monsoon in July 2023 ,due to the monsoon fury comprising of very heavy continuous showers associated with gusty winds etc . led to general break downs which also included to many streelight fixtures (approx. 382 nos. out of 5070 nos. i.e only 7.5 % of the total) becoming non-operational in Mayem Constituency.

The nonworking fixtures were handed over to the Divisional stores at Margao for repairs and 252 nos. have already been repaired and handed over to the subdivisions who are in the process of replacing the same .The remaining quantity of around 130 nos. are expected to be repaired within the next 3-4 days and replacement of the same started as per the availability of time after the main breakdowns are attended which have priority over other works. As such priority is being given to attend to breakdowns ( restoration of major interruptions as well as individual complaints ) which are normally more during the monsoon season.

There is no low voltage problem in the area at present. However, low voltage problem associated with fluctuations had occurred during the month of May- June 2023 which was due to the incoming low voltage received at grid level ( Interstate power lines ) against which the Department had no reasonable control. The voltage profile will improve after the 2<sup>nd</sup> source of power at 400kV Substation at Dharbandora is commissioned.

To overcome the above problems related to insufficient street lights, ,low voltages and interruptions , long term measures have been initiated .

For new streetlights, estimates have already been prepared as per the resolutions submitted by the various Village Panchayats at Mayem, Narva, Piligao, Karapur, Sarvan and Shirgao in Mayem constituency and also as per Hon'ble MLA's request..

Similarly following estimates have been prepared for converting the overhead H.T network to underground cabling so as to avoid fluctuations including low voltage ;

- Conversion of 11KV overhead as well L.T lines on Shirgao Feeder to underground cabling at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.93 Crores . ( 70% works completed )
- Conversion of portion of 11KV overhead Narva and Mayem Feeders to underground cabling at an estimated cost of Rs.12.38 crores .( Tendering in process)
- Conversion of 11KV overhead Karapur Feeder to underground cabling from 33/11KV Sankhalim Sub Station at an estimated cost of Rs.19.24 Crores.( Tendering in progress )