

**Reply to: Calling Attention Motion – Raised by Shri Carlos
Ferreira, M.L.A.**

“Fear and anxiety in the minds of the people of Aldona Constituency on account of constant / frequent power failures, sometimes multiple power failures in a day, the steps the Government intends to take in this regards.”

Reply. The power interruptions can be attributed to various reasons which also includes the incoming power supply to the 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Nachinola and the feeder trippings at the Sub-Station due to falling of trees / tree branches on lines and puncture of insulators, lightning, line snapping due to falling of trees and the local LT trippings due to falling of trees / tree branches on LT lines, etc.

To avert the interruptions, regular maintenance works are carried out including trimming of branches and tree cutting. The Department trims only the branches / leaves touching or near to the line, however some of the trees like banyan tree, coconut tree, jack fruit tree, Beternut tree, etc fall on the line from the distant and snap the nearby line causing falling of many poles from both the sides of the tree fall.

To tide over the incoming supply issues at the 33/11 KV Sub-Station at Nachinola, recently 33 KV underground cabling has been laid from 220/110/33 KV Tivim Sub-Station to Nachinola and the overhead 33 KV Racocon conductor has been replaced with higher current carrying capacity HTLS conductor from Tivim to Nachinola Sub-Station.

In order to ensure reliability of power supply, estimates for the underground cabling of 11 KV feeders of Bastora, Aldona and Pomburpa is under process. The work will be undertaken depending upon priority as compared to other areas and present availability of funds.