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Dear Dr. Kaickar

**SOLAR ELECTRIFICATION OF KHADARAB VILLAGE BY  
CENTRAL ELECTRONICS LTD**

Kindly refer to the correspondence on the above subject.

2. I attended a farewell lunch yesterday for the three Indian technical personnel from CEL S/Shri Mahesh C. Sharma, Anil Dabhade and B.V. Rayulu hosted by Prof. Altaib Edris Eisa, Secretary General of the Ministry of Science and Technology in Khartoum. The Secretary General paid glowing tribute to the excellent work done by the three-person Indian team and acknowledged that the training given by them to their Sudanese colleagues was the best in the world. I stood six inches taller, and having interacted with the three technical persons, share the Secretary General's assessment of their capability and performance.
3. The Khadarab project (funded by our Ministry of Nonconventional Energy Sources) was inaugurated on 25 April 2006. I was on tour, so my colleague Counsellor K. P. Ram attended. Inaugurating the solar electrification project the Governor of Gezira State (to which Khadarab belongs) told a cheering crowd of over 1,000 villagers that India had brought light into their lives. The Ministers of Internal Affairs and Science and Technology, and other VIPs present, were liberal in their appreciation and praise for India. The event was covered in the national media. I propose to go there later this week.
4. Last week I visited the Energy Research Institute, just outside the main city. Under the Ministry of Science and Technology, it is now an excellent facility (commissioned by our three experts) to make solar cells with Indian equipment and technology. The Acting Director of the Institute assured me that the equipment supplied by CEL was at par with the best in the world. Looking at it, I agreed.
5. The Secretary General now wants to replicate the "Khadarab model" in all 25 states, selecting one village each. He will try to find the money, and request CEL to undertake the task.

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5. My colleagues in the Embassy join me in thanking you for an outstanding venture that has enhanced India's reputation and image.

Kind regards



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