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Minutes of the meeting held in the Chamber of Secretary (TW) on 17/8/05 to review the progress in the Civil Works at Andamanese and Onges settlements.

The list of the Officers who attended the meeting is placed in Annexure-I

The Secretary (TW) welcomed the participants and reviewed the progress made so far in various civil and other works being carried out at new settlement for Andamanese in Strait Islands and for Onges at Dugong Creek. After detailed discussion, the following were agreed upon :

1. A large Community Hall being the transit accommodation for Andamanese will be raised at the new settlement on high ground at Strait Island **within two months**.
2. The requirements and specification of the transit accommodation for Andamanese as earlier decided is placed in Annexure-II
3. Transit Accommodation i.e. Community Hall may have the wall of Bamboo, mat as reinforcement and cement concrete as plaster.
4. Works for Transit Accommodation will start immediately in anticipation of approval of the estimates.
5. The Andamanese will stay in the transit accommodation till in the permanent houses are built for them.
6. Estimates for permanent houses for Andamanese will be prepared and sent to AAJVS for approval. Requirement of Andamanese for the permanent shelter will be taken into account while constructing them. Requirements are recorded in the proceedings of the meeting with Andamanese and the same is placed in Annexure-III.
7. Wide Cement Concrete footpath will be completed connecting the Jetty, and new settlement area. Required number of culverts will be provided.
8. The existing problem of storm water drainage of Andamanese settlement in Strait Island shall be looked into.
9. The staff quarters and other infrastructure facilities required for Andamanese Settlement is placed in the Annexure-IV.
10. HSD Oil Tank be constructed by Electricity Department for the storage of fuel for Power House and also drinking water pump.