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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 settlement and Onges settlement.

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.

The specification of the transit accommodation for Andamanese as earlier decided is placed in Annexure-II

Transit accommodation i.e. Community Hall may have the wall of Bamboo, mat as re-enforcement and cement concrete as plaster. Such type of construction is common in Andamans earlier.

Works for Transit Accommodation will start immediately in anticipation approval of the estimates.

Estimates for permanent houses for Andamanese will be prepared sent to AAJVS for approval. Requirement of Andamanese for the permanent shelter will be taking into account while constructing the Mpermanent houses. Requirements are reflected in the proceedings of the meeting in Andamanese and the same is placed in Annexure-III.

6. Wide Cement Concrete footpath will be completed connecting the Jetty, and new settlement area. Required number of Pepe / Box type culverts will be provided, alongwith the footpath.

7. The existing problems of storage controller drainage of Andamanese settlement in Strait Island shall be looked into.

8. The Andamanese will stay in the transit accommodation till in the permanent houses are built for them.

9. The staff quarters and other infrastructure facilities required for Andamanese Settlement is placed in the Annexure-IV.

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