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Summary proceedings of consultation meeting with the Andamanese held at Strait Island on 25/07/2005.

A team of officers from Tribal Welfare, AAJVS, APWD, Electricity, Forest and others held the consultation meeting with the Andamanese at Strait Island on 25/07/05 to discuss the matter relating to the permanent shelters for them. The list of officers who attended the meeting is attached. After the detailed discussion, the following suggestions emerged;

1. The permanent shelters be provided urgently at new already selected location at Strait Island for the safety of the tribals.
2. Each houses will have: (a) two bed rooms (b) one drawing room (c) Kitchen with slab and wash basin (d) Store (e) Bath room and Toilet
3. Materials for the permanent houses be chosen in such a way that maintenance is minimum.
4. The roof of the houses / ceiling be higher than in the usual buildings (at least 4 mtrs. from the plinth) and sufficient number of large windows be provided so that the houses remain cool since the 24 hours power supply is not available at Strait Island.
5. The layout of the houses shall be merged with the natural topography of the location and avoid large-scale earth cutting.
6. As far as possible large standing trees at the site be retained to maintain healthy and cool environment in the settlement.