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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 Island 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 requirement 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 the permanent houses are built for them.
6. Estimates for permanent houses for Andamanese will be prepared and sent to AAJVS for approval. Requirements of Andamanese for the permanent shelter as recorded in the proceedings of the meeting with the Andamanese tribals will be taken into account while constructing them, is placed in Annexure-III.
7. Wide Cement Concrete footpath will be laid connecting the Jetty and new settlement area. Required number of culverts will be provided.