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The Assistant Engineer, APWD, informed that they have prepared estimates for augmentation of water supply to the new Great Andamanese houses, community hall and staff quarters as water from the existing well cannot be pumped into such a high elevation. Secretary (TW) asked APWD to take up the matter with National Rural Water Development Authority to sanction funds for water supply scheme for the Great Andamanese.

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He further added that consequent upon the directions of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, during his visit to Strait Island, APWD had submitted estimates for development of site at Strait Island to protect the new buildings which includes retaining wall, drainage etc. He had requested for sanction of the estimate. In response, the Secretary (TW) informed that AAJVS may not deposit any further funds with APWD until the existing civil works are completed and buildings handed over by 31st March 2010.

After inspection of the construction works, the team proceeded to the Guest house and had a meeting with the tribe.

The Secretary (TW) said to the Great Andamanese that the A&N Administration and AAJVS is establishing resources and assets like building, school, power house, medical sub-centre etc at Strait Island for the benefit of the tribe and if tribe is not living here, there is no meaning in doing so. She requested Smti. Surmae to ask the community members to stay at Strait Island as only a handful of them are presently staying at Strait Island.

Secretary (TW) asked Dr. R.C. Kar about the need of an ANM at Medical Sub-Centre, Strait Island. He informed that there is no need for an ANM as there are only few ante-natal cases which can be looked after by the multi-purpose health worker. He stated that one Great Andamanese female Smti. Tong, W/o Shri. Elphe was asked to attend an interview for the post of Ayah, but due to death of Late Nao (Jr.) she could not make it to the interview.

The Secretary (TW) requested Dr. R.C. Kar, to re-consider her case once again and communicate a fresh date for the interview.

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