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**TOUR REPORT OF TEAM OF OFFICERS FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS ABOUT ITS VISIT TO GREAT ANDAMANES SETTLEMENT, STRAIT ISLAND ON 7-11-2007.**

A team comprising of the following officers from different Departments of the Administration visited Great Andamanese Settlement at Strait Island on 7/11/07 for inspection of the ongoing construction work of the new settlement and for chalking out suitable programme for various self-sustenance activities for the Great Andamanese :

1. Smti S.K. P. Sodhi, Special Secretary (TW)
2. Shri Govind Ram, Executive Secretary (AAJVS)
3. Shri M.V Jose, Executive Engineer CD-I (APWD)
4. Shri S.K Gupta, Assistant Engineer, APWD, Havelock
5. Dr. R.K Upadhyay, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Port Blair.
6. Smti Sheeja, Assistant Fisheries Development Officer, Port Blair.
7. Shri Attaulla, Junior Engineer, APWD, Strait Island.
8. Shri Rakesh Sharma, Junior Engineer, Electricity, Havelock
9. Shri Abdul Nazir, Agriculture Field Assistant, Havelock.

After inspection of the old as well as new settlement the following decisions were taken on the spot:-

1. **Construction of buildings for new settlement:-**

APWD is constructing 10 Nos. Type-III Quarters for Onges and one No. Type-III quarter for the official In-charge of the AAJVS at Strait Island. Besides these, one Community Hall, 6 quarters for employees of other departments and footpath are also being constructed by APWD. Shri M.V Jose, Executive Engineer stated that after the meeting held in the Chamber of Special Secretary (TW) on 8-10-2007, the APWD has given a deadline to its contractors that all the works shall be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The Executive Secretary, AAJVS emphasized the need for completion of new construction by the deadline on 31-3-2008, so that the non-tribal labourers are eliminated from the tribal reserved area.