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Community Hall) literally started sometimes in the middle of 2007. After an inspection by the Special Secretary-cum-Director(TW) accompanied by E.S, AAJVS in Oct., 2007 it was decided to drop the work of construction of Sea Wall, the estimate of which was ₹ 1.68 crores. Similarly after repair and renovation the School Building, Guest House, Medical Sub Centre, Police Wireless and Poultry Shed were found quite fit and suitable for continuous use and, therefore, construction of new buildings for the above purposes was also dropped. These works involved ₹ 67.69 lakhs. As such works involving a total sum of ₹ 2.36 crores as per estimated cost were dropped.

Construction of 11 residential houses for Great Andamanese, 06 Nos. Staff quarters, 01 No. Community Hall and 02 Nos. Ring Well were almost completed by the end of 2008. But, unfortunately the major work which ought to have been included and started before construction of the buildings namely **retaining walls and toe walls for the protection of the buildings and the approach road** for an approximate length of ~~half~~ a kilometer was never included in the initial plan and resultantly the newly constructed buildings could not be put to use.

In the year 2009 the APWD requested for release of an additional amount of ₹ 2 crores for **development of site including construction of approach road, retaining walls and toe walls**. The matter, however, never got settled for want of reconciliation of accounts with due justification as the APWD had spent the total sum of ₹ 4.42 crores, which also included an amount of ₹.2.36 crores for construction of sea-wall and for construction of new buildings for school, Guest House, Medical Sub Centre, Police Wireless and Poultry Farm which were already dropped.

As discussed with Principal Secretary (TW) in the month of September, 2011, before making a joint inspection of the site at Strait Island, reconciliation of account was done by deputing two officials from AAJVS and Directorate of Tribal Welfare. The reconciliated statement of accounts is placed at page.../c (flag ).