

As per PWD's record the original estimates for three works namely **construction of 11 nos. houses of Andamanese, 01 no. community Hall and RCC Foot Path** were for ₹ 65,65,405/-, ₹ 62,51,100/- and ₹ 91,46,977/- respectively. The total of these comes to ₹2,19,63,482/-, against which the APWD received only ₹1.87 Crores under M.H 2245.

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It is inconceivable that out of total amount of ₹.4.42 crores having been sanctioned and given to APWD, the works involving ₹.2.36 crores have been dropped and yet the APWD needs another ₹ 2 crores for site development having spent the total amount of ₹.4.42 crores. Even if it is considered as a case of price escalation of the materials cost as well as labour cost due to delay in completion of the work, it is difficult to accept almost a 100% escalation within a period of less than two years. As such the matter needs to be deeply probed by assigning the responsibility, preferably to a team comprising of officers from Directorate of Tribal Welfare, AAJVS, Anti Corruption Unit and APWD (for technical inputs).

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However, in view of the fact that a total of ₹.4.42 crores having been spent we are still not in a position to utilize the infrastructure so created, the additional fund of ₹ 1.53 crores as required by APWD for **development of site including construction of retaining walls, toe walls (almost for all the buildings, and approach path (bridle path) of 3 mtrs. width** may be sanctioned and deposited to APWD as early as possible. During the joint inspection conducted by the team comprising of Director (TW), E.S, AAJVS, E.E, C.D-I and A.E, Havelock on 22-10-2011. It was found that at the present cost of materials and labour a sum of ₹. 3.50 will approximately be required, that too if the works is not further delayed lest the requirement of fund may further go up. It is worth mention that during a meeting at Raj Niwas on 18-10-2011, in which Principal Secretary (TW) and E.S, AAJVS were present, the Hon'ble Lt Governor had strongly desired that no further delay should be caused for want of fund and the new colony should be handed over to the Great Andamanese by 1st week of January, 2012 positively. One favourable point for undertaking the site development and construction of approach path etc. is that the current season for