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TOUR NOTE OF HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR A & N ISLANDS
FOR TOUR TO STRAIT ISLANDS ON 27.09.2008.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Bhopinder Singh, PVSM, AVSM, accompanied by Director General of Police Shri Ranjit Narayan, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman Shri S.N. Jha, OSD to Lt. Governor Dr. Mahesh Bhardwaj, Executive Engineer, CD-I, APWD Shri. M.V. Jose and Executive Secretary, AAJVS Shri Govind Ram visited the Great Andamanese settlement, Strait Island on 27.09.2008. After inspection of the old as well as new tribal settlement (under construction) and interaction with Primitive Tribal Group's members, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor issued following directions on the spot:-

1. Expressing displeasure over poor progress of the construction of buildings for the new settlement preceding construction of retaining wall, drainage and approach path causing heavy land slide and resultant delay in construction, Hon'ble Lt. Governor ordered that concrete measures shall be taken on priority for construction of retaining walls, drainage and approach path in the new settlement to avoid further damage and delay in completion of the work of new tribal Settlement.

(Action by CIG AE WD)

2. The Forest Department shall immediately establish a unit at Strait Island, which should have at least 2 Non Tribal officials including the in-charge and one tribal official. Smti. Rangae, (a Great Andamanese) Mazdoor, Forest Department, presently posted at Long Island shall be transferred and posted at Strait Island.

(Action by PCCF)

3. The power supply shall be made to the Great Andamanese settlement at Strait Island from 5.00 PM to 5.00 AM or the next day as against the present power supply from 5.00 PM to 11.00 PM.

(Action by SE Electricity.)

4. The Solar Power Plant damaged by Tsunami on 26.12.2004 shall be re-established immediately and the second D.G. set lying non-functional for want of repair shall also be repaired immediately to ensure uninterrupted power supply as ordered above.

(Action by SE Electricity)