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Statement of Smti Surmai, aged 60 years, W/o
late Tirake, R/o Strait Island.

(On S.A.)

I am at present the Chief of Great Andamanese
settled at Strait Island. The work regarding re-
construction of new tribal settlement's quarters,
staff quarters and community hall at Strait
Island after the Tsunami of December, 2004 are
being carried by three Private Contractors engaged
by AWD.

So far as the complaint regarding unauthorised
removal of sea sand by one of the Contractors Shri
Velmurgan is concerned, I am to state that I have
never seen either Velmurgan or any of the other
two Contractors or their labourers removing sea sand
from the shore at Strait Island nor any complaint
in this regard was made to me by any
member of our tribe staying at Strait Island
or by the Junior Engineer of AWD who is also
posted at Strait Island.

Further I have also seen Shri Velmurgan
bringing fine quarry dust from time to time
in portoon pulled by engine dinghies from
Port Blair to Strait Island.

I have no complaint against any of the
contractors working for our buildings construction at
Strait Island.

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(Smti Surmai)

ROE & AC Surmai
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