

(iv) The local leaders apprised His Excellency the need for using local material for the proposed permanent shelters. This is imperative as the tribal way of living is different. It was assured that before construction of permanent shelters, prototype models will be displayed at Nicobar, Campbell Bay and Hut Bay and necessary inputs will be obtained from the local people so that these houses meet the traditional requirement of the people.

[Action: Commr (PWD)]

2. **Teressa:**

(i) The people of Chowra desired to go back to Chowra and requested that the permanent shelters be constructed at Chowra. They also wanted a dedicated vessel so as to ensure improved connectivity. It was assured that action will be taken accordingly.

[Action: Commr (PWD)]

(ii) The second issue was construction of road in Teressa. His Excellency was very keen that the road connectivity should be improved immediately. The Administration informed that efforts were being made to make the roads motorable during the rainy season. If need be duckboards and PSP Sheets will be used to ensure connectivity during monsoon.

[Action: Commr (PWD)]

(iii) ANC informed that Army has inducted sufficient manpower and machine in the island to help the Civil Administration in improving road connectivity between Safed Balu and Chuckmachi. It was assured that connectivity will be ready within two weeks.

[Action: ANC/Commr (PWD)]

(iv) The telecommunication connectivity was the major issue raised by all the tribal leaders. Though telephone services at Teressa have been restored, but there is immediate need to strengthen the facility and extend the same to other villages/islands. The people pleaded that due to the effect of tsunami, many villages have moved to interior places; therefore, there is an urgent need to provide telephone services. It was assured that the Administration will take up the matter with the Ministry of Communication, Government of India immediately.

[Action: CS]

3. **Campbell Bay:**

(i) The people of Kondul and Little Nicobar pleaded that a dedicated boat/vessel be provided, as they have to visit their villages to look after the remaining plantation crops. This issue was highlighted earlier also. They also highlighted the need to provide improved sea connectivity between Campbell Bay, Nancowry Group of Islands, Car Nicobar, Hut Bay and Port Blair. It was assured that appropriate action will be taken to provide the same.

[Action: Commr(Shipping)]