

Ref: Office notes at paras 26-27/n.

The original copy of the representation dated 22.12.99 of the Acting President, BJP, A & N Islands addressed to the Hon'ble LG has been received vide pages 25-26/c. The minutes recorded on the representation by the Hon'ble LG are re-produced below:

"Ask for comments of department concerning"

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25.12.99
Lt. Governor.

The representation is about the various demands / problems pertaining to the Nicobarese tribals settled at Harminder Bay (Little Andaman). The Tribal Welfare Department is concerned with point No. 1 which partly relates to supply of AC sheets and cement for repairs of houses of the Nicobarese.

In this connection it may pointed out that though Harminder Bay where the Nicobarese are settled, does not form part of ITDP, Car-Nicobar, the tribals are to be extended the benefits of the schemes being implemented under Tribal Sub-Plan. Under TSP 1999-2000 there are two schemes viz. (1) Supply of A I sheets with a provision of Rs. 23.00 lakhs and (2) Supply of cement to tribals with a provision of Rs. 12.42 lakhs being implement by DC, Nicobars on 50% subsidy. Necessary fund for the above schemes is being provided out of SCA by GOI. Therefore, we may find out from DC, Nicobars if the Nicobarese tribal of Harminder Bay could be supplied with AC sheets and cement under the above schemes during the current financial year 1999-2000. Simultaneously we may get assessed the requirement of AC sheets and cement of the Nicobarese tribals of Harminder Bay.

There is no field staff of TW Department posted at Hutbay, who could be entrusted with the job of assessment of requirement of AC sheets and cement of the Nicobarese of Harminder Bay. Until some arrangement is made on permanent basis, we may, perhaps, ask the Social Worker, AAJVS posted at Dugong Creek / South Bay to attend to this work and Tahsildar, Hutbay could be requested to co-ordinate the work.

So far as the other points are concerned, those may be referred to the concerned departments viz. Director of Education, Director of Social Welfare, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad and Chief Engineer, APWD for their comments. In the meanwhile we may send an acknowledgment of the representation to the Acting State President, BJP, Port Blair, if approved.

A draft letter to the various departments and two wireless messages, one to DC, Nicobars and another to Social Worker, Dugong Creek, South Bay and Tahsildar, Hutbay are placed below for approval please.

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Director (TW)
Secretary (TW)

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