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**MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING OF THE TRIBAL SUB PLAN 1999-2000 HELD ON 11.8.99 IN THE DARBAR HALL OF DISTRICT OFFICE, CAR NICOBAR.**

List of officers who have attended the Tribal Sub Plan Review meeting is enclosed as Annexure "A".

The meeting commenced with the welcome addressed of Project Officer, ITDP and he has informed the house about the sad and untimely demise of Tribal leaders from Nancowrie group of Island viz. Martin Bangani, former Chief Captain, of Teressa Island and Nathaniel pav Vice Chief Captain, Nancowry. The house paid tributes to departed souls by observing two minutes silence.

The Chairman then took the business of the house, welcomed all Officers / Officials and Tribal leaders / Pradhan's for making it convenient to attend the meeting. He has further said that he had been to Port Blair for attending the Plan review meeting and co-ordination meeting held on 21.7.99 in the Conference Hall of Secretariat, which was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A & N Administration. The Chief Secretary desired that the Dy. Commissioner (Chairman, ITDP) shall have to monitor and review all developmental works taken up under the plan schemes in Nicobar District (copy of order No 2207 Dt.15.6.99 enclosed for ready reference) and also authorised, to have field inspections of all such works, besides holding co-ordinations meeting of all Heads of Departments / Offices at the District level at Car Nicobar, and gather all such information's regarding pending proposals awaiting administrative approval and technical sanction etc and place the same in the co-ordination meeting being held on Wednesday of third week of every month. There has been an equivocal demands from Departmental Heads at P/Blair that they find it difficult in getting land allotted in Nicobar District, hence, they are not able to speed-up the developmental works in the district. Where upon the tribal leaders viz. Mr. Aberdeen Blair, Chief Captain, Car Nicobar, Mr. J.B.Daniel, Secy. Tribal Council, C/Nic and Smt. Aysha Majid, Chairperson, Tribal Council, Nancowrie said that the lands available with the tribals are not expandable further either by cutting forest or coconut trees, due to ecological reason about which they are more concerned than anybody else and they have been using it in a very just and judicious manner without disturbing the ecological balances. Hence the administration should think of having a general pool buildings for accommodations as well as office buildings instead of going for individual Departmental buildings covering lot of areas, thereby causing wastage of valuable lands of poor tribal who are totally dependent upon their coconut plantation for their lively-hood.

Mr. J.B. Daniel, Secy. TC, C/Nic has further requested the Chairman to convey all departmental heads that, they may explore the possibilities of having multi storyed buildings (At least double storyed) so that least pressures are left for the demands of land. On which the Chairman cited an example and informed the house that the Department of Health Services had a building within the campus of the District Hospital Car Nicobar during 1993 for Leprosy operation theatre and Blood Bank and it is still lying un-used for the reason best known to the Department, this is nothing but sheer wastage of Govt. Money due to reckless Planning and this sort of problems are due to preparations of plans at the Directorate's level and due to non ratification of such plans in the ITDP Governing Body, whose very function is to see that plans prepared by the Department are in accordance with their felt need or it has got any direct relevance or benefit to the people of this district who are still living in their traditional way.

Any proposed activities, would have ready and definite acceptance when Plans are prepared and implemented in the tribal areas keeping in view of the felt needs and other facts duly ratified by the ITDA. In such an event by the time the plan gets the approval of Government of India or other competent authorities the information's regarding such schemes would have been disseminated to the people through their village Council heads/village Captains/Tribal Council's. The Chairman has requested Mr. A.L. Singh, Research Officer (TW) to convey the feelings of the house to all concerned and take all remedial measures.

The Chairman, ITDP (Dy. Commissioner), requested all officers present in the meeting to invariably furnish progress reports of plan schemes works showing physical and financial progress to this office. He has further requested all AC's to monitor the progress of works taken up under plan schemes in their respective jurisdiction and also have a monthly meeting preferably in the first week of every month and send report / minutes of the meeting alongwith progress reports to the Chairman so as to enable him to place the same before the Chief Secretary in the co-ordination meeting. He has also desired that all the Tribal Leaders should also see and report short falls or anything connected with the Tribal Sub plan scheme works to this office, at the earliest.

Shri J.B. Daniel, Secretary Tribal Council, Car Nicobar said that in every year plan schemes of A & N Administration are implemented during the month of August or September it meant to say that a valuable quarter of a year goes without any works as the approved plans are generally received in the above said two months only.

(Action by all Heads of Offices / AC's / Tribal Council's / Panchayat Samithi)