Minutes of the review meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, on 23.04.2004 at 0900 hrs, in the conference hall of the Secretariat, to review the action taken on (i) the decisions of the X IDA Meeting held on 19.01.2003 and (ii) the announcements made by Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to A&N Islands from 18th to 21st January, 2003.

The Chief Secretary took a review meeting with the Secretaries/ Spl. Secretaries and Heads of Departments of A&N Administration to take stock of the latest position of action taken on (i) the decisions of the X I DA Meeting held on 19.01.2003 and (ii) the announcements made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to A&N Islands from 18th to 21st January, 2003.

The list of the participants is annexed.

CS stated that since the IDA matters are important subjects concerning to the development of these Islands, senior level officers in departments should deal with the IDA matters on priority basis.

AGRICULTURE

 Development High-Value Agriculture, Tourism and Fisheries X IDA – closing remarks of PM at para 42 of the minutes. IX Standing Committee – Agenda Item No. 2 (para 25)

Development Commissioner stated that the draft proposals, which are formulated for implementation of various schemes for the development of High-Value Agriculture through CDB, NHB and APEDA from 2003-04 to 2006-07 has been approved. Project proposals are being formulated.

(Action: Director (Agriculture))

APWD

1. Execution of Minor Irrigation and Drinking water schemes of Prem Bahadur Nallah, Swaroop Nallah & Korang Nallah

X IDA - Agenda Item No. 3(6)

IX Standing Committee - Agenda Item No. 2 (para 12)

CS advised the CE (APWD) to nominate one of his departmental SEs as Project SE to monitor the execution of all schemes/projects for supply of drinking water in these islands, constantly.

Commr.(APWD) informed that first stage clearance for diversion of forest land of Prem Bahadur Nallah and Swaroop Nallah Schemes in Great Nicobar Island and Korang Nallah Scheme in Middle Andaman was received from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi and an MOU was signed with NEERI to undertake Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies and submit report within the prescribed time frame of one year.