As per the outcome of the interactive session of the Working Group and Public representatives on 'Tribal Welfare' held on 21.7.2001 at Megapode Nest, the Working Group consisting of an expert, public representatives associated with formulation of plan proposals in respect of 'Tribal Welfare' is to visit the tribal settlements and have interaction with the tribal leaders before the plans for their welfare are formulated. Accordingly it is proposed that the Working Group consisting Secretary (TW), Director (TW), Executive Secretary, AAJVS, Shri Walter Minj, Member Zilla Parishad and Head of Office, ASI, Port Blair may visit the Great Andamanese at Strait Island and Onges settlements at Dugong Creek and South Bay. As per the following schedules.

Schedules	Time	Departure
27.7.2001	0700 hrs.	Port Blair for Strait Island by boat
	1000 hrs.	Arrival at Strait Island,
		meeting with the tribals.
	1200 hrs.	Departure for Port Blair.
	1500 hrs.	Arrival at Port Blair.
28.7.2001	0600 hrs	Departure for Little
		Andaman by boat.
	1100 hrs.	Arrival at Dugong Creek.
		Meeting with tribal leaders in
		Community Hall.
	1400 hrs.	Departure for Hutbay.
	1600 hrs.	Arrival at Hutbay and halt at
		APWD guest house.
29.7.2001	0700 hrs.	Departure for South Bay by
		tractor.
	0900 hrs.	Arrival at South Bay and
		meeting with the tribal leaders.
	1000 hrs.	Departure for Hutbay.
	1200 hrs.	Arrival at Hutbay.
	1300 hrs.	Departure for Port Blair by boat.
	1900 hrs.	Arrival at Port Blair.

The newly acquired Tribal Welfare vessel namely-'M.V Shompen', in replacement of old vessel namely - 'M.V Milale' could be used for visiting the tribal settlements. If approved we may communicate the above tour programme of the working group to the Director of Shipping Services to make available the vessel on the above dates.

Research Officer (TW)

master of tow

16

(15)