

**Comments on the Points raised by
the MP in his letter sent to Secretary
Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Tribal
Affairs Govt. of India**

Point-01 Sea Erosion – Construction of Sea Walls

APWD is constructing sea walls in a phased manner and depending upon the priority. During the 9th plan, APWD has constructed about 700 mtrs. of sea wall on the locations identified where erosion was taking place. During 10th plan, some sea walls are in progress and new proposals are also identified at different locations including Car Nicobar, Katchal, Nancowry etc.

The list of sea walls constructed and proposals for 2002-07 is enclosed herewith in Annexure - A.

**Point-02 Constructions of roads, bridges and footpath- obtaining
environment clearance**

In Great Nicobar island there is a village called Magar Nallah Basti and near by villages are Joginder Nagar and Vijay Nagar (etc). All these areas are affected with crocodiles attack. There are so many Katcha roads passing through Nallahs infested with crocodiles and some of these Nallahs are full of water even during low tide.

Construction of culvert/ bridge and roads for the above Katcha road portion has to be taken up by the Zilla Parishad.

However, if fund is deposited by the Zilla Parishad, PWD will take over the construction works.

There are total 170 Tribal villages. All villages above 500 population are connected. Total 119 villages are yet to be connected out of which 11 nos. are between – 200-500 and 108 villages are of less than 200 population & very scattered. The list is enclosed. As per the details available, the total