

**Point - 11      Tribal area - Implementation of - Visit of Senior Officers (IAS Officers / Secretaries) alongwith MP to Southern Group of Islands from 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2003.**

Senior Officers of A&N Administration visited the Southern group of Island from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2001. Hon'ble M.P Mr. B.P Ray accompanied the team. The prime objectives of the visit was to provide officers with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the ground realities in the southern group of islands and to interact with the Tribal Councils, local leaders for initiating / undertaking various developmental activities during the 5 Year Plan period.

The visit was extremely useful and provided inputs to different HODs on felt needs of the people in remote islands. It also provided an opportunity to the team members to appreciate the difficulties being faced by the villagers and staff members in these islands. Action points suggested in the tour report were of both administrative and plan related issues. Time to time action taken report on both aspects of the issues have been sought and monitored. The point wise action was to be completed during 2001-2002 and those to be implemented in the 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan on the report of the Committee had been submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs in the month November 2001. A meeting to review the action taken was also taken by the Commissioner (Plg.) on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2001. Action taken note updated up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2002 on both aspects of the issues has been sent to the Member of Parliament in the month of July 2002. Further updation on the action point's up to December 2002 has been sought from various departments.

**Point - 12      Grievances of Tamil Settlers at Katchal Islands.**

This issue of economic problems faced by the repatriates was discussed in a meeting held in Raj Niwas on 30.03.99. The possibility of resetting the Sri Lankan families in various Islands of the territory was considered. Out of various proposals the possibility of their resettlement in John Lawrence and Henry Lawrence Islands was ruled out due to the fact that these islands fall within the Rani Jhansi Marine National Park.