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PROCEEDINGS OF THE XVIIIth GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF DISTRICT
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY NICOBARS DISTRICT HELD ON 18.9.1996 IN
THE DARBAR HALL OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE CAR NICOBAR.

The XVIIIth Governing Body meeting of DRDA Nicobars District was held on 19.6.1996.

The list of officers/officials present are enclosed. **ANNEXURE**

The meeting started with welcome speech delivered by Shri Devesh Singh, Chairman DRDA (Officiating). He welcomed the Hon'ble member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Chief Captain and Vice Chief Captain and other members of Tribal Council, Car Nicobar & officers and officials from various Govt. Departments of Car Nicobar and outstations. He also explained the role of DRDA Nicobars District in development of Rural Poor of Nicobars District, specially tribals below poverty line, through various developmental schemes of Govt. of India. Then he requested the Hon'ble Member of Parliament to address the meeting.

Hon'ble MP welcomed the Chairman DRDA, Shri Aberdeen Blair, Chief Captain, Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain, Vice Chief Captain and all the officers/officials and tribal representatives and exhorted one and all to coordinate and cooperate with DRDA Nicobars to derive maximum benefit from various developmental schemes of Govt. of India. He reflected that presence of all Heads of concerned Departments/ offices in such meeting is desirable so that problems of the rural poor are clearly understood by the policy makers and implementing agencies and schemes may be implemented in a manner that maximum benefit accrues to the poor rural tribal beneficiaries. He also exhorted various Tribal Councils and Gram Panchayats to utilise Govt. funds given to them under various Rural Development schemes in most prudent and beneficial manner and submit account of utilisation (Utilisation Certificate) timely to DRDA and to the Govt. of India.

1) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 17TH GB MEETING:

Chairman DRDA informed that minutes of proceedings of 17th GBM have been circulated to all concerned by surface mail and expressed the hope that all participants must have perused the minutes. Hon'ble MP said that for the benefit of those who were not present in the last GBM, the minutes may once again be quickly gone through. Consequently the minutes of 17th GBM were informed to the house pointwise. Regarding "Submission Of Works Proposed To Be Undertaken By Various Tribal Councils under JRY During 1996-97", Chairman DRDA informed that all the Tribal Councils had furnished their approved Annual Action Plan for the year 1996-97 except for Tribal Council Pilobhabhi and indicated that this must be due to logistically difficult location of Pilobhabhi. Hon'ble MP suggested that concerned Block staff must pay regular visits to Pilobhabhi and provide guidance and assistance to Tribal Council Pilobhabhi for preparation of Annual