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these islands on behalf of the beneficiaries and such works will be given more emphasise in future. He further explained the problems of shipping services resulting in non availability of construction material in those remote islands. The Hon'ble MP commented that the Director of Shipping Services be asked to provide adequate Shipping Services for transportation of cargo and building materials to these islands. On further discussion on the subject the Hon'ble MP agreed that the tribal representatives and first Captains of the village should invariably be involved for identification of beneficiaries. Hon'ble MP also advised to take up the matter with the Govt. of India to increase the financial assistance under MNP for construction of PFL. The Chairman DRDA clarified that the matter has already been taken up with the Govt. of India.

3) Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain Car Nicobar raised the matter regarding provision of drinking water supply to various villages of Car Nicobar. The EE APWD, Car Nicobar agreed to look into specific matters raised by S/Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain, AR Johnsmith and FS Richardson regarding maintenance of water supply, duration of water supply and coverage of remote areas for water supply. He also agreed to look into the matter regarding compensation for coconut trees cut down for various works undertaken by APWD, Car Nicobar.

4) Tribal representatives also highlighted the problems of presence of non tribals in Car Nicobar without valid tribal pass and their concentration in Air Force area. Chairman advised that the matter should be taken up with the concerned authorities. Hon'ble MP suggested that tribals representatives and officers/officials should meet at regular intervals to help and sort out genuine problems.

5) On enquiry from Shri JB Daniel, Chairman informed that whatever electrical lights and materials are available with CD Block shall be utilised on the recommendations of the Captains.

6) Shri Mark Paul raised the subject matter of construction of Play ground at Kamorta. The Chairman DRDA informed house that the matter has already been discussed by Shri Mark with DC Nicobars District, Car Nicobar and it has already been decided that the Tribal Council Kamorta would undertake the construction work of Play Ground under JRY funds given to them by DRDA on behalf of Govt. of India. If need be, adjoining Tribal Councils may pool their resources for the purpose.

7) The matter regarding fencing of burial ground at Car Nicobar also came up for discussion. It was suggested that fencing may be done by JRY Fund of Tribal Council Car Nicobar or even under MPLADS funds.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from Shri Devesh Singh, Chairman DRDA who informed the house that the next Governing Body is scheduled to be held on 18.12.1996. With this he declared the 18th GB meeting of DRDA Nicobars District concluded.