

CAR NICOBAR

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At Car Nicobar the Committee met the village Captains of Car Nicobar Island from 16.00 Hrs. to 17.00 Hrs. and the officials of Car Nicobar Island Administration from 1700 hrs. to 1800 hrs.

The following salient points were emerged out of the discussions. Recognition may be given to the Tribal Councils by the Government was demanded by the Captains. Executive powers and powers of planning should be given to the Council. Besides, no Government interference should be there in the functioning of the Council. Medical facilities were not sufficient, ships running between Port Blair and Car Nicobar and inter connected ship service among other islands should be increased. It was also demanded that telecommunication facilities should be provided at subsidised rates keeping in view the remotely inhabited tribal population. It was also demanded that air service should be restored between Port Blair and Car Nicobar or new air service between Car Nicobar and main land be introduced. Demand for opening engineering and technical colleges was made.

As regards some more steps to be taken for the development of the Island and also for smooth running of the administration the officials of A&N Administration demanded the following points before the Study Group :