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The said Report (Page 116/c) mentions that during discussions with the Village Captains, the following points emerged:-

- "1. Recognition may be given to the Tribal Councils by the Government;
2. Executive powers and powers of planning should be given to the Council;
3. No Government interference should be there in the functioning of the Council;
4. Medical facilities are not sufficient;
5. Ships running between Port Blair and Car Nicobar and inter connected ship service among other islands should be increased;
6. Telecommunication facilities should be provided at subsidised rates;
7. Air service should be restored between Port Blair and Car Nicobar or new air service between Car Nicobar and mainland be introduced;
8. Engineering and Technical Colleges should be opened."

The report mentions that the following demands/points were raised by the officials of the Administration before the Study Group:-

1. Resume of Indian Airlines service to Car Nicobar Islands and helicopter service may be provided from one island to another;
2. Development of the transport system of the Islands;
3. Development of the telephone system including development of other communication system;
4. Setting up of a Computerized Train Reservation counter (terminal) may be set up at Port Blair.

The report further mentions that the Andaman and Nicobar Administration had been asked to furnish written replies to the list of points (The replies to the list of points as furnished by the Administration