

11. Eminent artistes of national and international repute would be invited as was done during the last 2 years. Further an expenditure of Rs. 16.50 lacs was incurred by Andaman & Nicobar Administration last year and the balance amount of Rs. 5.00 lacs was arranged by raising sponsorship from Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industries. The participants were informed of limitations in mobilising funds. In spite of this, the participants felt withdrawal of invitation to eminent artists would badly affect the proposed mega tourism festival. Accordingly, suggestions were invited and following names of the artists were short-listed for consideration after detailed deliberations:

Ghazal : Chirta-Jagjit, Anup Jalota,

Popular Hindi songs: Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle, Alka Yagnik, Kumar Sanu, Udit Narain, Sudesh Bhosle, Kavita Krishnamoorthy, Antara Chowdhury, Sonu Nigam.

Classical (dance and music): Pt. Jesraj, Pt. Shiv Kr. Sharma, Hema Malini, Hari Pd. Chaurasia, Bhimsen Joshi, Meenakshi Seshadri, S.P. Balasubrahmanium

Others: Johny Lever (comedy), Hariharan, Raja-Radha Reddy, S.C. Sarkar (magic)

The Chief Secretary desired the Secretary(IPT) to further screen the names to ensure that the expenditure on this does not exceed reasonable limits and in any case not more than Rs.25.00 lacs. The directions of the Lt. Governor with regard to extending of invitations to eminent artists shall be strictly followed.

(Action- Secretary IPT/DE)

12. The Andaman Chamber of Commerce informed that they would raise funds from sponsorship through big industrial houses which are known for huge advertisement budgets.

(Action- ACC)

13. Location of the stage/podium at the venue of the various events will be finalised by APWD in consultation with the Director(IPT) and Director Education, keeping in view the anticipated audience.

(Action CE-APWD/DE/DIPT)

14. The Director(IPT) proposed that Children's Film may be organised in collaboration with the owners of the local cinema halls. It was decided that necessary action would be taken by them in this regard by consultation with the President, Children's Film Society.

(Action- DIPT)