

27. A commemorative coin and a stamp are likely to be released on 30th December, 1997. Freedom fighters are also expected to be honoured on this day. Suitable security arrangements in this regards would be made.

(Action- IGP/DE/DIPT)

28. Director (IPT) mentioned that the accommodation available with him is very limited. The Chief Secretary suggested that letters may issue to the Speaker Lok Sabha, Chairman Rajya Sabha, Speaker of State Assemblies and Registrars of High Courts informing them that on account of the pressure of this event, we are not able to convey availability of the accommodation between 10-12-97 to 31-12-1997 and as such no official tours to Andaman and Nicobar Islands be sponsored during this period or alternatively the organisations should arrange for private accommodation and transport.

(Action- Secretary(GA))

29. It was pointed out that during this period, there would be acute shortage of accommodation. Director (IPT) suggested that the accommodation at the Rajya Sainik Board Hostel may be made available to him. It was also agreed that the accommodation during this period be reserved for the participants of the Festival and no accommodation would be provided to any of the Committees during this period.

(Action- DIPT/Secretary RSB)

30. It was decided to request the Doordarshan and AIR to provide suitable coverage to the Festival.

(Action- DIPT)

31. It was mentioned by Director(IPT) that there would be heavy rush during the festival days and all the air tickets have already been booked till February 1998. Secretary (IPT) informed that he has requested Alliance Air to arrange daily charter to Port Blair from Calcutta during the festival days. This may be examined and put up to the Lt. Governor, separately.

(Action- DIPT)

32. It was mentioned that Director(IPT) would arrange to invite outstation participants from Tourist Departments, Tour Operators, Travel Agents, Hoteliers, etc. For the Festival.

(Action-DIPT)