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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF SECRETARIAT UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMISSIONER - CUM-SECRETARY (IP&T) ON 6.1.98 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CELEBRATION OF ISLAND TOURISM FESTIVAL '98.

The following officials were present :-

1. Dr.R.Padmanabhan , IAS , Commissioner - Cum-Secretary IP&T - Chairman
2. Shri. I.H.Khan , Conservator of Forest ,
3. Shri.R.K.Singh , Chief Engineer, APWD.
4. Shri.M.K.Meena - Supdt. of Police (District)
5. Shri. Sanjay Beniwal , Supdt. Of Police (A)
6. Shri.Manohar Singh , Supdt.Engineer , Electricity.
7. Commander D.N. Praharaj - Director of Shipping Services.
8. Commander S.Chakrapani - CSO to Fortan.
9. Dr. S.K.Mukherji , Director of Agriculture.
10. Shri.N.Das. Director of Education.
11. Shri.C.Mohammed - Director of Industries.
12. Shri.Purushothaman, General Manager ANIIDCO.
13. Shri.R.Guha Roy - Manager Govt.of India, Tourist Office.
14. Shri. Jaikumar - Jr.Engineer from Municipal Council .
15. Shri.V.K.Misra , Information Officer(I)
16. Mr.John- A/JVS .
17. Shri.Mohd . Jadwet - President Andaman Chamber of Commerce.
18. Shri. Neeraj Balaiya - Deep Youth Club.
19. Shri.Devenderpal Singh - Representing Andaman Tourism Guild
20. Shri.Krishna Swamy - President Andaman Theatre Association.
21. Dr.B.S.Banerjee- Director IP&T.

At the outset, The Commissioner - Cum-Secretary (IP&T) welcomed the participants and informed that like in previous years , this year too , Island Tourism Festival, 98 would be celebrated in a grand way. It was mentioned that the ITF-97 was held from 20-12-1997 to 5.1.1998 at Port Blair and upto 10.1.1998 at outer islands. Director (IP&T) informed that after examining the tourist arrival data over the years, it was decided by hon'ble Lt.Governor that the festival should be held in mid November. This issue was discussed at length . Conservator of Forests, Director of Shipping and Chief Engineer pointed out that during this period North-East monsoon would be active and would not be suitable for organising the festival due to bad weather. Director of Education was also of the view that the troupes of South Zone and East Zone would not be available during this period due to the Children's Day celebration at New Delhi and, it is also not possible to divert full attention for the Island

Tourism Festival during November as children would be busy in the Children's Day. He also opined that the festival should be organised some where in the month of December '98 . The

President Andaman Chamber of Commerce also supported the same . The same was supported by other participants too.