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Dear Mr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar,

Please recall our telephonic discussion of 13th instant in connection with collection and transportation of Hori-the traditional boat of Nicobarese (which has already been collected from Mr. John Smith of Kimus village with your cooperation and kept for transportation to Bhopal) and other material cultural objects from different island of Nicobar. Though I have made everything in detail in my earlier letters about the items but I am just mentioning them again for your immediate action.

As you have already mentioned that Shompen Bark cloth already with you but bark cooking vessel (Shompen pressure cooker) is another important item along with some of their traditional hunting and fishing items cane made basket, bucket, harpoons etc. are of much important. In case you kindly instruct your official to get them identified and collected for the IGRMS it will be of much help. Materials if possible may be send to Car Nicobar for ready transport. Nancowry and Camorta's Henta Koi (wooden figurine) and other important items are also of our priority. Similarly, Chowra cane made basket, coconut in adding more items to make it more exhaustive and meaningful.

For transportation of all items from Carnicobar, you had already identified an agency against a total sum of Rs. 1,85,000.00, to Bhopal including all charges (insurances excluding), I would request you to make it formalise by adding two more rates or formalise the rate for the task keeping accounts/audit formalities in mind. I know you being the chief executive of that part of the Island world, certainly help us in getting it through. A team of ten Nicobarese, under the leadership of Mr. John Smith of Kimus (with representation from Nancowry, Chowra, Camorta and Shompen) may please be identified for a visit to Bhopal to instal the Nicobarese Hori formally for the visitors. Their journey, entitled class via Madras, will be borne by the IGRMS.

Though I know you will be so busy for joining at Itanagar, but your keen interest for focusing them most appropriately will certainly help me in sorting above stated points. Please ensure local hospitality when we will be in your group of islands for collecting all of them against on the spot payment, except of transportation charges, which



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