

may then explore the possibility of purchasing 40 HP OBMs for their boats. In the meanwhile, however, the process to buy atleast one boat with a larger engine can move ahead as proposed.

The Director (Shipping Services) brought up the point of getting the MGMN Park area notified as I.V. area /Tidal waters. The Chief Secretary desired that this may be taken up with the Ministry of Surface Transport within 10 days. Simultaneously, other areas such as Aerial Bay in Diglipur, Mayabunder Port, etc. may also be taken up for being declared as tidal waters/I.V. area. The Chief Conservator of Forest stated that Cinque and Rutland may also be brought within the purview of I.V. Act. The APWD informed that survey work of R.M.Point - Badakhari road is being carried out by their survey team. The Chief Secretary desired that the road from Anarkali to Photonallah may also be surveyed while this work is going on.

(Action : CE, PWD/ PCCF/DIPT/DSS)

2. Status of development of Ross & Smith Islands

Agenda point No. 4 was taken up for discussion next, and it was decided to pitch 10 tents at Smith Island. The APWD will frame estimates for dining hall, kitchen, toilets, etc. for the Island camping site. These structures may be made out of seasoned timber on similar lines as Katchal.

The Chief Conservator of Forest stated that Ross and Smith Island are covered under CRZ-1 provisions. Further development being planned may consist of temporary structures only and tampering of beach area should be avoided. The Chief Secretary desired that the construction should be located some distance from the sand bar and the structure should be temporary in nature. The tents may be pitched there seasonally from October -March and then stored.