

The Secretary(IPT) informed that the arrangements for ferrying as well as catering may be made in cooperation with the local people. The Panchayat may be asked to take over the catering/sanitation arrangements. Alternatively, local hoteliers/travel operators could be given the tents on lease for running the operations there. The package tour can be worked out from Port Blair or from Diglipur itself. The Chief Secretary desired that such arrangements should be worked out well in advance.

It was decided to open the establishment in Ross and Smith Island on 3rd April, 2000. It was also decided that in anticipation of approval, work can be started right away. The Chief Conservator of Forest assured that supply of cane and timber for developing the Island camping site will not be a problem.

(Action: APWD/DIPT/CCF)

3. Maintenance of Dolphin Yatri Niwas

It was informed by the Chief Engineer, APWD that they will be handing over 5 newly constructed cottages by this month end. Accordingly, the Director(IP&T) is to initiate action to furnish these 5 cottages. In order to improve the services at Dolphin Yatri Niwas further, the Chief Secretary desired that uniforms with name plates and tourism logo are to be worn by the staff all times.

Since new structures have come up, advance planning is to be done regarding other arrangements like addition of staff, increasing the dining hall area, etc.

Discussing the poor status of communication between Port Blair and Havelock, it was decided that the Chief General Manager, Telecommunication may be asked to attend the next Executive Committee meeting. In case there are any difficulties being faced by him, the matter can be taken up with the