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**Minutes of the meeting held in the Conference Hall of the Secretariat on 17.10.2003 with the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NSTFDC, Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.**

(1) The following were present: -

- (i) Shri P.K. Padhy, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NSTFDC
- (ii) Shri Rajeev Kumar, Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
- (iii) Shri A. Anbarasu, Secretary (TW).
- (iv) Shri Gyanesh Bharati, Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars.
- (v) Shri A.K. Srivastava, General Manager, ANIIDCO.
- (vi) S.A. Awaradi, Director (TW).
- (vii) Shri Ashok Sharma, Director of Industries.
- (viii) Shri A.L. Singh, Research Officer (TW).

(2) The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation explained in detail about the Corporation and its schemes for the financial assistance for the overall development of the Scheduled Tribes. He mentioned that the Corporation is keen to take up the schemes for the Scheduled Tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and if required the Corporation could make special consideration in the schemes keeping in view the remoteness of these Islands and to suit the needs of the tribals here.

(3) Chairman-cum-Managing Director further suggested that A & N Administration may formally appoint ANIIDCO as the Channelising Agency for NSTFDC, further, to such appointment to the erstwhile National SCs and STs Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC).

(4) After detailed discussion the following decisions were arrived at:

- (i) A&N Administration shall formally appoint ANIIDCO as Channelising Agency for NSTFDC further to the earlier such appointment to NSFDC. Director (TW) shall move the relevant file in this connection. The issue of zero interest regime by NSTFDC for A&N Islands considering logistic constraints and locational disadvantage needs to be followed up with NSTFDC. Director (TW) shall also move the relevant file in this connection.