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Dated the 26th February, 1997

To

The Director
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Port Blair

Sub : Proposal for acquisition of vessels under Tribal Sub Plan - reg.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. M/FYP-17/97-98/571 dated 7th February 1997 addressed to Secretary (Shipping) with a copy to this office I am to say that the matter of acquiring a touring vessel for tribal contact and other requirement was discussed in Executive Council Meeting of AAJVS on 28/01/97 and a meeting held on TSP on 7/02/97.

Accordingly it is proposed that a vessel on the overall design pattern of MV.Tarmugli may be purchased under sector Shipping of tribal sub-plan (1997-2002). The requirement of vessel is owing to the need to travel to tribal area, establish contact, provide Medical Assistance and other amenities. Off late the need has become imperative due to :-

1. Ageing of M.V. Milale
2. Unconfirmed reports of unauthorised traffic in tribal area.
3. Need to accelerate developmental programmes.

Requirement of a full fledged vessel for Primitive Tribal groups requirements has also been reflected in Master Plan for Welfare of Primitive Tribes (1991-2001) written with a 30 Yr. perspective, albeit in the form of a hospital ship.

Accordingly the broad specification of touring vessel can be

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| 1. | No.of Cabins | - | Ten No. 2 berth cabins with min 3 A.C Cabins.
(excepting those for crew) |
| 2. | No. of Bunks | - | Min. 20 (excepting those for crew) |
| 3. | Deck cargo capacity | - | 5 tonnes Min. |