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he gave us an estimate around Rs. 50 lakhs for the Reserve area. We do not consider this to be too big a price to be paid for the survival of one of the last relics of an ancient tribe.

In this connection I am to further say that a meeting was held on 10/10/1983 in the Secretariat under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to discuss the measures to be taken on various points raised by the Committee and the Govt. of India for resumption of construction of Andaman ^{to India} Timber Road between 87 & 110 Km. The meeting was attended by, among others, Shri S.B.Roy, conservator of Forests. The Lt. Governor had made the following observations on the deliberations of the meeting.

"Can't the forest operations be restricted to South of 47th Km after the road is constructed. This will mean that forest operation can be continue upto 87th Km for another two or three years, thereafter, they ^{are} restricted to 47th Km."

I am, therefore, to request that your comments in the matter may kindly be furnished to this Administration immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Commissioner (TW).

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