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PROGRESS ON RESTARTING OF ANDAMAN TRUNK ROAD IN SOUTH ANDAMAN.

The Government of India have approved resumption of construction of Andaman Trunk Road on the existing alignment of 87-110 KM stretch in South Andaman subject to an eastward shift of the road between 93 and 99KM which would cost an additional expenditure of Rs. 30 lakhs (Ref. D.O. No. 13015/17/82-ANL dated 14.7.1983 from Shri S. Varadan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to the Lt. Governor).

While this proposal was under examination with the Government of India, the Lt. Governor desired the possibility of shifting the alignment between 93 KM and 99 KM further towards east to the extent possible to provide additional land to jarawas. Preliminary survey carried out has revealed that some further shift may be possible. Further to this L.G. has desired that the possibility of shifting the alignment from near about 84 KM towards east should be examined by carrying out survey, which is found feasible, besides moving the alignment, may provide additional land for jarawas.

Preliminary survey has accordingly been carried out by EE RCD Wimberlygunj according to which it is possible to shift the alignment eastward from about 84 KM to 100 KM. This may not involve additional expenditure over and above what has already been approved vide Ministry's letter 14th July, 1983. This shifting may provide an additional area of 17 Sq.KM to jarawas.

Survey on the new alignment has been taken up by EE RCD. Preliminary work such as establishment of quarry camp etc. are in progress. Actual construction is expected to be started after monsoon is over say by the end of Dec 1983.

The work has been programmed for completion

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