

meetings, the Committee was assisted by the following officers:

- (1) Shri R. V. Pillai,
Joint Secretary (Union Territory & Incharge of
Andaman and Nicobar Administration)
in Ministry of Home Affairs;
- (2) Shri R. C. A. Jain,
Deputy Secretary (Andaman & Nicobar and
Lakshadweep),
Ministry of Home Affairs;
- (3) Shri P. C. Bhasin,
Additional Director- General,
Ministry of Shipping and Transport;
- (4) Shri G. M. Hegde,
Chief Engineer,
Ministry of Shipping and Transport (R&W);
- (5) Miss Deepa Jain,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Defence.

3. The Committee members paid a visit to Andaman Islands between November 10 and 13, 1981, during the course of which they inspected the Andaman Trunk Road from Port Blair upto a point ahead of 87 km., beyond which it was not possible to go on account of absence of any traceable road. The Committee members were desirous of making contacts with the Jarawa tribe and for this purpose they undertook visit to the south-western coast of the Middle Islands but, unfortunately, owing to rain and cloudy weather no contact was possible. The Committee had the benefit of discussions on 12 November, 1981 with the two Councillors of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration S/Shri N.S. Chawla and William Cyril and the following officers:

- (i) Shri S.L. Sharma, Chief Commissioner;
- (ii) Shri Lakshman Raw, Secretary, Finance, Tribal Development and Transport;
- (iii) Shri S. Lal, Principal Engineer, PWD;
- (iv) Shri Zema, Chief Conservatory of Forests;
- (v) Shri F.L.R. Siana, Inspector-General of Police
- (vi) Shri Virendra Singh, Development Commissioner.