

13. Shri Bhakta, M.P felt that on the design of houses, the views of PRI institutions were not taken into consideration, decisions were taken at official level without involving the M.P and practical livelihood related problems of farmers had not been resolved. Secretary, MoUD, pointed out that a prototype design was up in different islands as early as May, 2005, and only after detailed consultations with the public and NGO's, as organized by Andaman & Nicobar Administration and with the Planning Commission, the design was frozen in December 2005. At present a team of Town and Country Planning Organisation is interacting with local people and officials to consider slight modifications in houses as and when requested.

14. Member Secretary felt that priorities of individual households differ and keep varying and we should move ahead with the project work as per agreed parameters.

Fisheries

15. Principal Adviser informed that 95% of the livelihood of fishermen had been restored. Out of the 2103 damaged boats, 2002 boats have been replaced/repared, and 85 engine fitted boats have been provided by NGO's.

16. Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), pointed out that after the Tsunami, people were afraid to take up fishing, the boats were immobilized and there was a decline in fishing stock. L.G, A & N stated that fish catch was increasing gradually. As regards Fish Landing Centres, Secretary DAHD informed that 19 places have been identified and the Detailed Project Reports (DPR's) for four sites viz. Yeratta, Rangat Bay, Mayabunder and Durgapur under Tsunami Rehabilitation Package are being prepared by ALHW. These DPR's are expected to be finalized by end of May 2006, and by August 2006 environmental clearance would be requested on them.

(Action: Ministry of Shipping and Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying)

Environmental Clearances

17. Lt. Governor, ANI, referred to the turf war between the Administrative Departments and the Forest Department and the need for more synergy between the authorities. He indicated that environment related issues had assumed larger than life dimensions of a phobia and that the Supreme Court judgments were being quoted to avoid giving any clearances. Deputy Chairman, enquired about the problems relating to environmental clearances and efforts to prepare a holistic plan considering the damage that has occurred to the ecology and environment after the Tsunami.

18. Additional Director General, MoEF, stated that after the Supreme Court Orders of 2002, forestry activities have stopped, powers to accord approvals are vested with the Supreme Court and the MoEF had requested the Administration to formulate Working Plans for all the Islands. So far, Working Plans have been