

decision was taken in the meeting held on 11.5.2009 under the Chairmanship of Secretary to GOI (Tribal Affairs) that a project report on alternate sea route (s) to Baratang would be prepared by the Administration within six months and submit it to Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Tribal Affairs for funding. The project proposal worth of Rs. 135 crore for the alternate sea route to Baratang Island was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs during January, 2011 for approval. The Ministry of Home Affairs has directed to take up the matter with Ministry of Shipping during October, 2011. The Ministry of Shipping has seized up the matter and a meeting was held on 15.2.2012. accordingly, the following steps have been taken: -

- (a) Hydrographical study has been carried out by Minor Port survey Organization (MPSO), Navi Mumbai and based on the results, preparation of Navigational charts