dates on which they could operate on the route Port Blair to Baratang and back and enter into contracts with the tourists accordingly. This would also ensure to the benefit of the tourists who would be better placed to return by the same vehicle which had taken them to Baratang and obviate the likely trouble of locating a suitable tourist vehicle at Baratang for bringing them back to Port Blair. However, this is not to be construed as direction by a suggestion which could be considered for implementation provided it is feasible having regard to the prevalent conditions."

Secretary, (Tribal Welfare) also pointed out that there have been an order by the Honble Supreme Court dt. 07.05.2002 accepting the report of Shri. Shekar Singh and the Administration has filed an affidavit explaining certain circumstances seeking relaxation and presently the matter is sub judice in the court.

The issues arising out of the judgement of the Honble court has been discussed in detail and it was decided to obtain the status report of facts and circumstances including the law points involved from SP (SA), Secretary (Tribal Welfare), Director Shipping, Director (Transport), Director (Tourism) & Deputy Commissioner (SA) with their respective views & suggestions to resolve the issues. The next meeting will be held on 06.12.2010 at 11 a.m.

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