ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION Directorate of Tribal Welfare ******

Sub: Visit of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission to A&N Islands - Arrangement for boat to visit North Sentinel Island - reg.

Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India with its Chairman Shri Dileep Singh Bhuria, who has the status and rank of Union Cabinet Minister, Vice-Chairperson, Smti Chokila Iyer, who enjoys the status of Minister of State; Member, Dr. Bhupinder Singh, who holds the status of Secretary to the Govt. of India of the Commission are on official tour to A&N Islands from 12th March to 16th March 2004.

The programme of the Commission has been finalised after discussion with the Chief Secretary, the copy of the programme is enclosed. As could be seen the Commission is to be provided M.V.Narcondum for its tour to Jarawa area and to Strait Island on 14.3.2004. In this context, a separate note has already been moved vide U.O.Note of even No. 1-812/2003-TW(PF)/ 183 dated 11th /12th March 2004 to Secretary to Lt. Governor with a copy to Director of Shipping Services.

Further the Commission alongwith the Senior Officers of the Administration is scheduled to visit North Sentinel Island on 15.3.2004. For this a suitable vessels is required to be deployed. In this context, Secretary (TW) had discussion with Director (Shipping Services) earlier.

As such, Director(Shipping Services) may kindly look into the matter and make necessary arrangement accordingly.

Assistant Commissioner

2.03.2004 (C.F.No. T2-102)

Director (TW)

Director (Shipping Services)

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