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Sub: Visit of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission to A&N Islands - 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 are on official tour to A&N Islands from 12th March to 16th March 2004.

Tour programme for the Commission has been finalised after discussion with the Chief Secretary and the copy of the programme is placed opposite. As could be seen, the Commission is visiting various places in these islands including Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Great Nicobar, Jarawa areas in South Andaman, Middle Andaman, Andamanese Settlement in Strait Island and North Sentinel Island.

The Commission is scheduled to visit southern Group of islands by availing Pawan Hans Helicopter Service. For visiting the other tribal areas, boats of the Directorate of Shipping Services are being used.

Keeping in view the status of the Commission, Administration may declare all three of them as the State Guests during the visit to these islands.

L.G. is competent to accord the approval.

(S.A.Awaradi) Director (TW) 12.03.2004

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