

Reference - Director (TW)'s minutes at para 35/N.

Directorate of Civil Aviation vide his letter No. 1/CA/2003-04/634 dated 11th August 2004 at page 84/C (PUC) has sent a bill for Rs. 5,73,958/- (Rupees Five lakh seventy three thousand nine hundred fifty eight only) being chartering charges for use of Pawan Hans Helicopter for the tour of the Scheduled Area & Scheduled Tribes Commission to Little Andaman & Southern group of Islands on 12/03/2004 and 13/03/2004. The Commission was on official tour to these Islands from 12th to 16th March 2004.

While communicating the tour Programme for the visit of the commission to these Islands vide his letter No.16/TC/Admn/2002 dated 11/03/2004, at page 73/C, the Joint Director, Govt. of India, had requested this Administration that the Commission may be provided boarding, lodging, transportation, reception and security commensurate with its status. The tour programme of the Commission to southern group of islands by availing Pawan Hans helicopter service was approved by the Honorable Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands vide paras 1-5/N. Accordingly we sent our requisition to Director (Civil Aviation) vide this Office UO Note dated 11/03/2004 (page 13/C) for use of the Pawan Hans Helicopter for visit of the Commission to Southern Group of islands as per the following tour programme.

12/03/2004

Departure Port Blair for Dugong Creek at 1220 Hrs.
Departure Dugong Creek for Car Nicobar at 1320 Hrs.

13/03/2004

Departure Car Nicobar for Campbell Bay at 0830 Hrs.
Departure Campbell Bay for Car Nicobar at 1330 Hrs.
Departure Car Nicobar for Port Blair at 1455 Hrs.

As mentioned in our requisition we had requested the Director (CA) to book 5 seats in Pawan Hans Helicopter for the visit of the Commission to Dugong Creek, Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar. But the department has claimed chartering charges initially to the tune of Rs. 5,73,958/- for the use of helicopter from Port Blair to Dugong Creek, Dugong Creek to Car Nicobar and Car Nicobar to Campbell Bay and Campbell Bay to Port Blair via Car Nicobar indicating that a special sortie was undertaken for the visit of the Commission to the above places (Pl. refer to the bill No.12 dated 03/08/2004 at flag 'A') as there was no schedule for helicopter service for Dugong Creek on 12/03/2004 (Friday) and for Car Nicobar on 13/03/2004 (Saturday) (please refer schedule programme of helicopter service at page 85/C).

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