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Re(T/W)

21/12/98

Ref: C.S's minutes at para 5/n on pre-page.

It is regarding visit of Shri Kameshwar Paswan, Vice-Chairman, National Commission for SCs and STs accompanied by Shri S.P. Maurya, Director, National Commission for SCs and STs from 21.12.99 to 25.12.99 to this UT. He has desired to hold a meeting with the Chief Secretary and other senior officers of this administration to review the progress of implementation of constitutional safeguards and socio-economic development for SCs and STs. In view of the pre-occupation of this administration in connection with the ensuing programmes for the next millennium on Katchal Island, the visit of the Vice-Chairman has been deferred to 15th January 2000 as per a Telefax dated 17.12.99 at page 46/c received from the Secretary to GOI and National Commission for SCs and STs.

Referring to CS's note dated 18.12.99 at page 45/c regarding visit of Vice-Chairman to Car-Nicobar, it is submitted that there are schedules sorties of IAF Courier from Tambaram to Car-Nicobar enroute Port Blair on every Tuesday and Thursday and its returned schedules are on the following days, i.e., ~~Thursday~~ ^{Wednesday} and Friday. The Vice-Chairman could avail the IAF Courier to visit Car-Nicobar provided his date of visit falls of Tuesday or Thursday, but it is not so since the tentative date of his visit is from 15th January 2000 onwards. The 15th January 2000 falls on Saturday and thereafter the next schedules trip of Courier will be on 18.1.2000, i.e., Tuesday. If it is decided to fly the Vice-Chairman over to Car-Nicobar by IAF Courier his visit may have to be re-scheduled, keeping in view of the schedules of IAF Courier to Car-Nicobar. The next alternative is to charter MI-8 stationed at Car-Nicobar, but that may be too costly. Therefore, the first option seems to be feasible. If approved the Secretary, National Commission for SCs and STs may be apprised of the position with regard to visit of Vice-Chairman to Car-Nicobar.