

In this connection a meeting was held in Raj Niwas under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands on 28.02.2005 at 4.00 PM various problems./issues faced in the rural areas after the earthquake and Tsunami were raised by the PRI Members. The meeting was also attended by the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, Development Commissioner, Secretary (panch), Chief Engineer (APWD), Chief Conservator of Forest and other Senior Officer of A & N Administration. The matter regarding restoration, strengthening and raising of sea bund, construction of sea wall and sluice gate damaged due to Tsunami and earthquake in South Andaman area was also discussed in the meeting.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor agreed to allocate the work of raising/strengthening of sea bunds to Zilla Parishad. It was decided that the Zilla Parishad shall submit necessary proposal and obtain approval from the Administration before taking up the work. IN this connection, it is to mention that the matter regarding repair of breaches in sea bunds in South Andaman area was earlier discussed with the Development Commissioner, A & N Administration on 14.02.2005 and the issue was also raised by the Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad before the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands on 11.02.2005 and in the HMAAC meeting on 12.02.2005.

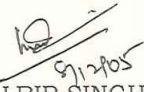
After raising and strengthening of these bunds the situation has been significantly improved and normalcy was restored.

However a P.I.L was filed in the Hon'ble High Court regarding construction of sea bund vide W.P. No. 052/2005 in the aforesaid matter the Hon'ble High Court Calcutta Bench Circuit at Port Blair in an interim order dated 11.04.2005 has directed Shri. G.C. Khatter, Chief Engineer APWD to visit the earthen bund in question and to submit a report whether the purpose for which the bunds are rebuilt will cater the prime needs of the people of the area (a copy of the operative part of the said interim order is enclosed as Annexure - B)

Point No. 2 Lining of Beds of Perennial streams with concrete in connection with Tsunami

Reply:- Zilla Parishad has not undertaken any works related to lining of Beds of Perennial streams with concrete.

Yours faithfully


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