

progress, there will be reduction in consumption of firewood also in future,

17. That the recommendation (12) for discontinuing grant of subsidy is being complied with and that no new or existing wood-based industries are being granted subsidy for the period after the Hon'ble Court's Order dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2002. A clarification has been sought from the Hon'ble Court whether subsidy can be paid for the transport made prior to 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2002,

#### B. USING UNTREATED TIMBER FOR CONSTRUCTION

18. That the recommendation (15) that all timber, bamboo and cane used for constructions and requiring treatment, should be treated is accepted, and the Administration has made provisions for increasing the capacity for timber treatment in the Govt. Saw Mills, in the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, the time frame of 6 months suggested by the Report, is inadequate due to the distance from the mainland and lack of adequate infrastructure in these islands, and therefore the Administration pleads before the Hon'ble Court to grant an additional time frame of two years,

#### C. ENCROACHMENTS

19. That the recommendation (20) for grant of requisite powers to forest officials including power of summary eviction and magisterial powers to Asst. Conservator of Forests is being complied with, and orders to the effect of conferring magisterial powers have been issued vide Notification No. F.16(G-I)/23/352 dated 5.8.2002. As