

32. That the recommendation (36) for the supply of fuel wood to other Government departments by the forest department is being complied with, and strict instructions have been issued to the DFOs and the concerned departments for compliance,

33. That the recommendation (37) for taking efforts to reduce the consumption of timber and fuel wood is acceptable and is under implementation by the Administration. Already there is reduction in the demand for fuel wood in the urban areas due to sufficient supply of LPG. With the proposed increase in the capacity for treatment of timber, the life of timber in the constructions would increase, thereby reducing the demand for timber in the long run,

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34. That the recommendation (39) regarding use of alternate materials for construction is already under implementation to some extent. Sincere efforts will be made towards effective use of alternate materials in order to bring down the requirement of sea sand for construction purposes. Machines for manufacturing pulverized sand have already been installed and it shall be the endeavour of this Administration to see that with effect from the next financial year, there would be manufacture of around one lakh cu.m. of pulverized sand to meet the requirement of Port Blair and surrounding areas. In addition, infrastructure facilities to manufacture pulverized sand will be established in other areas within 2 years to ease the pressure on sea sand. Notices have also been issued to the private contractors to