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establish facilities for manufacture of pulverized sand, to meet their requirements of sand,

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35. That the recommendation (40) that no concrete construction should be made in the forest areas and that tourist activities should be restricted to tented accommodation or temporary wooden/ prefabricated structures, and that these areas should remain under the control of the forest department, which should decide the quantum and type of tourism in such areas, is accepted. The Administration has already included a scheme for Ecotourism in the Tenth Five year Plan,

36. That regarding recommendation (41) for preparing an eco-friendly tourism plan within one year, the Administration submits that the World Tourism Organization and the UNDP have already submitted a report on development strategy for environmentally sustainable tourism in these islands and Action Plan is being prepared by engaging a consultant for the purpose. The Administration further submits that UNDP is proposing a project titled, "Andaman and Nicobar Islands- sustainable island biodiversity management and resource development" which also would deal with tourism from the point of view of conservation and management of biodiversity,

37. That the recommendation (42) that the plan mentioned above, must be in conformity with the requirement of conserving the ecological and cultural integrity of the islands and should not pose a security threat is accepted, and