

44. That the recommendation (13) to allow functioning of existing medium and large scale wood based industries, provided they import the entire requirement of timber and other forest based raw materials from the mainland or abroad, is not being complied with in view of the orders of the Hon'ble Court cancelling all the licences and recommending re-location of these industries to mainland. The Government of India has been approached for necessary action in this direction,

45. That the recommendation (14) to prohibit export of timber in any form except personal baggage of a reasonable quantity of wooden handicrafts by tourists or of personal articles by those permanently leaving these islands, has been dealt with by the Hon'ble Court partly by Para 11 of its order stating "With immediate effect, there will be no movement of logs or timber in any form including sawn timber from Andaman & Nicobar Islands to any part of India or anywhere else". In compliance with this order, the Administration has stopped all export of timber from these islands. However, an application has been filed before the Hon'ble Court seeking clarification whether this ban would apply to veneer and plywood that was available with the industries on the date of the order, and also to the semi-finished goods such as door frames, window frames, shutters etc. and finished goods,

46. While submitting the response of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration as above to the various recommendations of the Prof. Shekhar Singh Commission on the ecology of the A & N Islands, once again, it is reiterated that the apprehensions expressed by the Commission that the