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A scheme with an outlay of Rs.20.00 lakhs for construction of the Nicobarese Guest House at Port Blair was included under the 8th five year Plan (1992-97) under 'Sector - Welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs' which was approved by the Planning Commission. However, the estimated cost of the Guest House is Rs. 26,81,351/-. The estimate is already approved by the Admn. The construction work of the Guest House is in progress and likely to be completed in Jan, 1994. During the year 1992-93 an expenditure of Rs.5.368 ^{was} incurred and during the current year (93-94) a provision of Rs.23.00 lakhs is made under the Annual Plan to complete the construction of the Guest House.

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The building for the Guest House is coming up on the land belonging to the tribal council, Car Nicobar at South Point. As agreed vide minutes of the meeting held on 21.4.92 at P.20/C in the Chamber of the Counsellor (TW), the land allotted in favour of Nicobari Home ^{is} being used for construction of the Nicobarese Guest House. It was further agreed that the building after completion could be handed over to the tribal council Car Nicobar for use and maintenance. The tribal council of Car Nicobar had adopted a resolution to this effect, which could be seen at page 19/C.

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Accordingly, the building after completion is to be handed over to the tribal council Car Nicobar for ^{use and} maintenance ~~and use~~. The tribal council could constitute a committee to look after the management of the Guest House. Some minimum fee may be prescribed for occupation of the accommodation by the Nicobarese. The maintenance of the Guest House can be ^{met} ~~met~~ out of the income ^{derived} ~~desired~~ from the fee. They may be asked to include a Admn's nominee on the committee.

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The matter was discussed with Secretary (SW) today. She may like to hold a meeting which could be attended by C.E. APWD, AO.(F), a representative of Tribal

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