

The Office of the CE, APWD vide their letter dated 21st Jan, 94 at page.91/c has furnished an estimate for Rs.2.17 lakhs being recurring expenditure towards running and maintenance of the Guest House at Port Blair. (The Nicobarese Guest House is under construction at South Point, Port Blair with the fund provided under Plan scheme sector-'Welfare of SCs, STs & OBCs' by the Admn. The land belongs to the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar) As per the minutes of the meeting held on 21.4.92 in the chamber of Counsellor(TW), the Guest House after completion is to be handed over to the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar for its maintenance and use (Page 20/c).

In this connection the minutes recorded by Secretary(TW) at para 98/N on page 31/N regarding maintenance of the Guest House may please be referred. The estimated cost of the buildings as per the estimate originally approved by this Admn. vide letter dated 19th Aug, 92 at page. 26/c was Rs.26.81 lakhs against which the APWD had incurred a total expenditure of Rs.38,30,642/- upto 31st March, 1994. As such, the APWD has exceeded the original estimated cost. The Executive Engineer, PBND vide his letter dated 8th June, 94 at page 90/c has informed that the revised estimate will be submitted after completion of building.

In addition, the APWD has furnished an estimate for Rs.3,61,037/- towards the cost of furniture to be provided in the Nicobarese Guest House. (138)
The estimate is pending sanction. We have provided only 0.43 lakhs under scheme No.1 of sector- 'Welfare of SCs, STs & OBCs' during the current financial year(1994-95) for purchase of furniture for the tribal guest house. Obviously this is inadequate to meet the estimated cost of the furniture for the tribal guest house. In that case we have to ask for additional fund at the R.E stage under the Annual Plan 1994-95.

Now ~~expensive~~ a decision may be taken with regard to running and maintenance of the Nicobarese Guest House. Probably, the Tribal Council of Car Nicobar may be taken into confidence (139)

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