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May please peruse the office note from para 168/N onwards. The Chief Engineer, APWD has submitted an estimate for Rs.46,26,500/- (W.O)+ Rs.5,32,043/- (DC) totalling to Rs.51,58,543/- for construction of 2nd phase of Nicobarese Guest House at South Point, Port Blair. He has requested that fund to the extent of Rs.10.00 Lakhs may be made available during the current financial year for undertaking the construction work.

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A Nicobarese Guest House has already been constructed at South Point, Port Blair, The land belongs to Tribal Council, C/N. It was earlier proposed to inaugurate the Guest House on 14th August, 94 by the Hon'ble L.G, A & N Islands. However, as suggested by Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain, Wise Chief Captain, Tribal Council Car Nicobar the inauguration was postponed in order to enable the Nicobarese from Nicobars to participate in the inauguration. It was also decided that the Tribal Council Car Nicobar should take necessary action for removal of the old wooden structure existing in front of the newly constructed Guest House. In this connection the note dated 5.8.94 at paras 166-167 recorded by the Secretary (TW) may please be referred to. The Tribal Council Car Nicobar has not yet reverted back on the issue.

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Further,

The original approved cost of the newly constructed Guest House was Rs.26,81,352/- against which the APWD had incurred an expenditure of Rs.38.31 lakhs up to 31st March, 94. It was informally learnt from the Executive Engineer, Port Blair North Division that the total cost had gone up to Rs.43 lakhs. The revised estimate is, however, available from the APWD. Thus the actual expenditure towards the construction of the Guest House has far exceeded the original estimated cost. We will have to locate additional fund under the UT Plan to meet the additional expenditure during the current financial year (1994-95).

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The newly constructed Guest House has adequate accommodation i.e., one big dormitory, common toilet, common dining hall, Kitchen, two separate rooms with attached toilet on the ground floor and one big dormitory common toilet, two separate rooms with attached toilet on the first floor. The Administration may, perhaps, review the need for construction of 2nd phase of the Nicobarese Guest House (another self contained Nicobarese Guest House) on the basis of extent of use of the Nicobarese Guest House already constructed by the Nicobarese Tribals. Moreover, the Tribal Welfare Department