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**Seaplane : Concession continues with marginal  
increase in fare**

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Encouraged by the positive response to its special introductory fare offered in Port Blair – Havelock – Port Blair Sector in Seaplane, the Administration in association with PHL has decided to continue with the concession fare in the sector with marginal increase. The discounted fare offered in Port Blair –Havelock (one way) sector with effect from 21.2.2011 stands as Rs.2, 500/- (two thousand five hundred only)

Further, the Administration has decided to operate three sorties to Havelock daily except on Sunday which is kept for maintenance.

The introductory fare in Seaplane till further notice is as below.

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Normal Fare</b>	<b>Special Introductory fare w.e.f 21.2.2011 till further notice</b>
Port Blair	Havelock	Rs.4100/-	Rs.2500/-
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Daily schedule for Seaplane services is as below:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>DEPARTURE</b>	<b>ARRIVAL</b>
PORT BLAIR	HAVELOCK	0820 HRS	0840 HRS
HAVELOCK	PORT BLAIR	0850 HRS	0910 HRS
PORT BLAIR	HAVELOCK	0940 HRS	1000 HRS
HAVELOCK	PORT BLAIR	1010 HRS	1030 HRS
PORT BLAIR	HAVELOCK	1210 HRS	1230 HRS
HAVELOCK	PORT BLAIR	1240 HRS	1300 HRS

- Sunday is kept for maintenance.
- Extra sorties could be arranged on need basis.

Flying in Seaplane in Andamans especially in Port Blair-Havelock sector has already caught the imagination of tourists including celebrities and general public. The ticketed passengers who availed seaplane sojourn to Havelock recently included film personalities like Mani Ratnam and Madhur Bhandarkar and the likes. They were excited by the thrill the Amphibian Aircraft offered with its large individual windows and the fantastic aerial view it provided. Many of them were in fact having their first time experience of flying in seaplane and their excitement saw no limits when the Seaplane landed in and took off from the Sea in Havelock.

It may be noted that in Port Blair, the Seaplane operates from the Pawan Hans Helicopter base in the Airport and in Havelock it lands in and takes off from the earmarked waterdrome near the jetty. Floating pontoon is placed in the waterdrome on which passengers are disembarked from the Seaplane. To take passengers to shore from the Pontoon and vice versa, exclusive Speed boat is also pressed into service with two standby life boats in position. The five minute speed boat ride from Pantoon to Jetty or vice versa comes as an added bonanza which is free of cost.

The Administration has made elaborate arrangement for issuing of seaplane tickets through ANIIDCO. Tickets are available with important tour operators /travel agents in the Island. To cater to the needs of passengers turning up last minuet, tickets are available with following outlets subject to availability of seats.

**Port Blair**

Ticketing counter ANIIDCO Ph: 03192 244312

Controlling officer Seaplane operations Port Blair: 95318 28222

Email: andamanseaplane@gmail.com

**Havelock**

Controlling officer Seaplane operations Havelock: 95318 28333

**Diglipur**

Controlling officer Seaplane operations Diglipur: 95318 28444

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