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**Press Release**

**Seaplane service to Diglipur begins on Monday**

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The regular seaplane services to Diglipur will commence from Port Blair on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 2011. Initially there will be only one schedule to Diglipur that starts from Port Blair at 0950 hrs. and reaches at Diglipur at 1040 hrs. In the return direction the seaplane will start at 1050 hrs. from Diglipur and reach Port Blair at 1140 hrs.

As an introductory measure one way fare to Diglipur is offered at Rs.4999/- for a period of one month initially. In Diglipur the passengers will be disembarked in the pontoon placed in the identified waterdrome near Aerial Bay Jetty from where passengers will be taken to the shore in inflatable gemini raft. For benefit of passengers availing return service, seaplane tickets are available in the Office of Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur.

The ticket fare to Havelock has also been revised w.e.f. 11.04.2011 to Rs.3000/- one way. The change of seaplane schedule and fare are as below:

<b>Days</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Fare (Rs.)</b>
Monday	Port Blair	Havelock	0820 hrs.	0840 hrs.	3000/-
	Havelock	Port Blair	0850 hrs.	0910 hrs.	3000/-
To	Port Blair	Diglipur	0950 hrs.	1040 hrs.	4999/-
Saturday	Diglipur	Port Blair	1050 hrs.	1140 hrs.	4999/-
	Port Blair	Havelock	1210 hrs.	1230 hrs.	3000/-
	Havelock	Port Blair	1240 hrs.	1300 hrs.	3000/-

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

Flying in Seaplane in Andamans has already caught the imagination of tourists and general public. The ticketed passengers who availed seaplane sojourn to Havelock 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.

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, 99332 80141

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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