

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Commissioner (Head of the District Administration), District Collector (Head of the Revenue Administration for enforcement of A&N Islands Land Revenue & Land Reforms Regulation, 1966 and A&N Islands Revenue & Land Reforms Rules, 1968) and District Magistrate (Maintenance of Law and Order and public safety and discharging other functions envisaged in the Cr.P.C.), statutory functions under Arms Act, Cinematograph Act, Indian Vessel Act, Notified Authority under Central Sales Tax Act, Indian Citizenship Act, Indian Partnership Act, Registrar of Companies, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Chairman, State Transport Authority, Chief Inspector of Boilers Controller, Civil Defence, Commissioner (Wakf), Inspector General of Registration under Indian Registration Act, Controller of Legal Metrology, Controller of Weights & Measures, Excise Commissioner, Relief Commissioner, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for A&N Islands Parliamentary Constituency, Director, Pinhead & Municipal Council Elections, Director of Census Operations and Chairman, Navodaya Vidyalaya.

Disaster Management: -

A Disaster Management Control Room has been set up in the District Office which started functioning from 1st July, 2003 the Assistant Commissioner (HQ) is the In-Charge of the Control Room. The Control Room is being equipped with communication equipments .The District Administration/Revenue Department has formulated a Plan Scheme titled “Enhancing preparedness in managing disaster” in the 10th Five Year Plan with an about lay of 251 lakhs. The fund allocated for the financial year 2002-03 was Rs.45 lakhs. With objective of having in place the basis infrastructure necessary to deal with the emergencies and to provide immediate relief for the effected persons in case of eventualities, if any, relief materials/materials for setting up relief camp worth Rs.44 lakhs have been procured and distributed to Tehsils with a view of setting up effective communication network, in addition to the 3 VHF system received from Ministry of Home Affairs under Civil Devence Set up, three satellite phone have been procured. There is a proposal for purchasing 4 more systems. Draft District Management plan has been prepared and submitted to Administration.

Law and Order:

Law and order situation in the entire District of Andamans remained peaceful through out the year. District Office has been making adequate and elaborate arrangements for maintaining Law and Order during Strikes, Bands etc. and also making elaborate arrangements for maintenance of the same during VVIP visits, Elections, Religious festivals, important functions, celebrations etc.

Allotment of house sites:

During the year 15 licenses were issued to private individuals/ Societies/ as an alternate land/ private charitable institutions under various categories on usual payment of premium. The endeavor of the Administration has been to attract more investments in the Islands. The Administration also approved allotment of land to an extent of 1.00 hectares agricultural land at Manjeri and 200 sq. mtrs of land at Dudh line as an alternate land to those persons who were allotted land at Tirur in the year 1973. This has been done after the Hon'ble PM during his visit to these islands gave an assurance to this effect. The allottees have been made provisional allotment of the sites. Formal licences are to be issued shortly

Allotment of Land to PRIs and Govt Departments:

During the period under report 33 new allotments were made to the Panchayati Raj Institutions and Government departments. These allotments include allotment of land to Zilla Parishad Schools at North, Middle and South Andaman. 45.00 hectrs. land allotted in favour of APWD for construction of General Pool Accommodation at village Garacharama and Dudh Line. 1.00 hectares of land each, was also allotted to APWD for setting up Pulverized Sand Plants at Diglipur Tehsil and Rangat Tehsil and other developmental purposes.

Land was allotted to Police department for establishing Anti Corruption Unit at Junglighat and at Calicut for construction of Police Station. Civil Supplies Department was allotted land for Setting up Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum. Agriculture Department was allotted land at Junglighat for construction of Vegetable market.

Land was allotted to PBMC for Installation of Plasma Incinerator for Disposal of Plastic and Bio-medical waste. PBMC was also allotted for the Extension of the present Yatri Niwas at Phoenix Bay.

IP&T was allotted an additional land of 1.00 hectares at Long Island for development of Eco-friendly tourist resort. Similarly, ANIIDCO was allotted 18.3308 hectares of land at Havelock for the promotion and development of tourism.

379 hectares of land has set apart at Diglipur Tehsil and Maya under Tehsil for Compensatory afforestation by the Forest department.

In addition to this, a total of 18 new proposals for setting apart of land for public purposes were also finalized.

Relief Measures

The Island territory usually faces the following types of natural calamities:

1. Fire
2. Flood/Cyclone
3. Earth Quake/tremor
4. Drought

For dealing such emergencies and internal security set up already exists which may need further strengthening for which proposal are sent by the Administration to the Govt. of India from time to time. Depending upon the area affected the District Officer, i.e. Deputy Commissioner in charge of the District level committee would be instructed to the charge of the whole operation with the assistance of A.D.M. Assistant Commissioner and Police Officers.

Grant of Gratuitous Relief

Gratuitous Relief is being granted to victims of Natural Calamities as per the guidelines issued by the Govt. of India vide letter No. U-13030/1/74- Delhi dated 31st January 1976. The District Magistrate is empowered to sanction upto maximum Rs.750/- as gratuitous relief. During this year upto July,2003 an amount of Rs.3500/- has been granted to 9 victims. During the period under report no such major incident took place.

Progress Of Survey And Settlement

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India directed the Respondent to evict the Post-78 encroachers from the Forest and to settle the identified Pre-78 forest encroachers on the land de reserved for the purpose in WP No. 20 of 1995. Accordingly the Survey and preparation of records operation was taken up in respect of 19 de-reserved forest block to settle 1367 Pre-78 forest encroachers. All these de-reserved forest blocks surveyed and Licenses issued to the eligible Pre-78 encroachers residing at the de-reserved area.

The A & N Administration, after disucssion with political parties and the Home Ministry team proposed a Rehabilitation package for the post-1978 encroachers and the pre-1978 **ex-situ** category encroachers. The Ministry of Home Affairs has approved the following Rehabilitation package as conveyed by letter dated 13th May,2003 (except the ration component which was approved in March, 2003)

- a) Free ration for 6 months @ 12 kg. rice per person per month
- b) Financial assistance @ Rs. 75,000 per family for construction of house at the alternate site
- c) Payment of Hostel fee @ Rs. 400 per month restricted to a maximum of two children per family
- d) Employment to one person from each family consisting of upto 5 members and two members from each family consisting of more than 5 members for a maximum period of one year.

At present modalities are being worked out for the implementation of the rehabilitation package. The A & N Administration, based on requests from public representatives and various political parties on regularization of excess area under the possession of the allottees prior to 1961 within the Municipal area of Port Blair tehsil, submitted a proposal to the Government of India for approval of the same. The Ministry of Home Affairs has vide their letter No. U-13034/20/2003-ANL dated 15th July, 2003 accorded approval for the regularization of the excess area, without levy of any premium, in favour of the recorded tenants or their descendants only to the extent that the concerned have maintained continuous possession till date. It has further been

stated that the A & N Administration will carry out a survey to identify the pre-1942 settlers/ their descendants and the exact area of excess land under their possession upto 1961. Modalities are being worked out.

Islanders Identity Card

The Second Phase of issuance of Islanders Identity Cards got over on 17-07-2003. During this phase, islanders, who could not be covered for one reason or another in the previous round and also those, who became eligible for I-Cards under category "Resident" subsequent to the 7th May 2002 order of the Supreme Court in WP(C) No.202 of 1995 on account of their being residing in Andaman and Nicobar Islands as on 07-05-2003, were photographed and issued I-Cards.

As per the decision taken in the all party meeting held in Raj Niwas on 16-01-2003, it was decided to issue I-Cards to eligible persons attaining 15 years of age under the relevant category. Accordingly, children aged 15 years and above were also targeted for photography during the current phase.

The progress made so far in respect of issuance of Islanders Identity Cards is as under:

Total No. of Islanders (as per door-to-door enumeration in April 2002)	2,70,234
Islanders under category "Resident" (as per enumeration in April 2002)	93,329
Total No. of Islanders enrolled in 2003 (during annual revision/ updation of Islander list)	5,835
Total No. of Islanders (1+2+3)	3,69,398
Total No. of Children below 15 yrs	96,670
No. of Islanders who are eligible for I-Card (4 – 5)	2,72,728
No. of Islanders photographed	176074
Total No. of I-Cards issued	1,40,654

As on date, **1,40,654** I-Cards have been distributed/issued, which amounts to 51.5 % coverage.

Route Permit

No of Autorikshaw permit issued during the year.

<u>PMRY</u>	<u>KVIC</u>	<u>Total</u>
46	48	94