PRESS RELEASE IN THE FORM OF NEWS ITEM ON THE AMENDMENTS CONTEMPLATED ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR PORT BLAIR PLANNING AREA

APWD has finalized the Master Plan for Port Blair Planning/Development Area (PBPA) which consists of present Port Blair town and 26 revenue villages around it and notified in the Gazette vide No. 35 dated 01/03/2012. Since, the approval/notification of the Master Plan, from time to time, there were certain grievances from the stakeholders and the general public for modification of certain provisions of Master Plan for PBPA. The grievances were examined and an amendment has been worked out within the ambit of the provisions of Section-9 of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Town & Country Planning Regulation, 1994, according to which, "the Administrator may make any modification to a Master Plan, being modifications which, in his opinion, do not effect important alterations in the character of the plan and which do not relate to the extent of land uses or the standards of population density".

The amendment contemplated on the Master Plan has been made under the provisions of Sub-Rule 4 & 5 of Rule-3 of Andaman & Nicobar Town & Country Planning Rules, 2005 in Form-III and published in the Daily Telegrams and other newspapers circulated in the Planning/Development Area. The contents of the amendment is uploaded in the A&N Administration and APWD websites viz. www.andaman.gov.in www.and.nic.in, www.apwd.and.nic.in respectively. In addition, the copies of the Form-III is kept for display in the following Offices for facilitating the general public:-

- 1. The Town & Country Planning Unit, CE's Office, APWD, Port Blair.
- 2. Port Blair Municipal Council, Port Blair.
- 3. The Office of the Gram Panchayats whose jurisdiction falls under PBPA.

The stakeholders including general public are requested to submit their objections/suggestions if any on the modification/amendment proposals published in Form-III, in writing, addressed to "The Town Planner & Chief Engineer, Andaman Public Works Department, Nirman Bhawan, Port Blair within 45 days from the date of publication of the notification in the Daily Telegrams.

The objections/suggestions of the modification/amendment proposal may also be submitted by email to tcpdtcp@gmail.com within the above stipulated time.