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Campbell Bay, 03 June 2022

General V.K Singh (Retd.), Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation will arrive on a three-day visit to Andaman and Nicobar Islands on 5th of June 2022. During his visit to the Islands, the minister will attend programmes organised by Bharatiya Janata Party and will also interact with the local leaders as well as other stakeholders from various fields.

The Minister after his arrival on 5th of June 2022 will participate

in a bike rally from Flag Point to Chouldari. At Chouldari the Minister will attend a function being organised by BJP, where he will interact with beneficiaries of various schemes of the Central Govt.

The Minister will hold an interaction with stakeholders from various fields and will reportedly also discuss the issues related to Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation.

The Minister will also hold interactions with State BJP Leaders on various issues.

General V.K Singh will fly back to mainland on the 7th of June 2022.

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Rangalal Halder Raises Issue of MGNREGA Workers with Chief Secretary



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Port Blair, 03 June 2022

Mr. Rangalal Halder, President, Andaman and Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee has taken up the issue of the non-payment of salary & wages to MGNREGA workers & officials with the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

Salary & wages of MGNREGA workers & officials have not been paid for a number of months. Many workers & officials are facing serious problems

because of non-payment of salary & wages.

Mr. Halder in his letter to the Chief Secretary has termed the issue serious. He has requested the Chief Secretary to look into it.

National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 or NREGA, later renamed as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act or MGNREGA in 2009, is an Indian labour law and social security measure that aims to guarantee the 'right to work'. This act was passed on

23 August 2005 under the UPA government of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh following tabling of the bill in parliament by the Minister for Rural Development, Raghuvansh Prasad Singh.

It aims to enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to at least one member of every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Women are guaranteed one-third of the jobs made available under the MGNREGA.

Another aim of MGNREGA is to create durable assets (such as roads, canals, ponds and wells). Employment is to be provided within 5 km of an applicant's residence, and minimum wages are to be paid. If work is not provided within 15 days of applying, applicants are entitled to an unemployment allowance. That is, if the government fails to provide employment, it has to provide certain unemployment allowances to those people. Thus, employment under MGNREGA is a legal entitlement.

Apart from providing economic security and creating rural assets, other things said to promote NREGA are that it can help in protecting the environment, empowering rural women, reducing rural-urban migration and fostering social equity, among others.

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Campbell Bay, 03 June 2022

A delegation of Andaman Association of Tour Operators led by its President Mr. M. Vinod is participating in a 3-day long Tourism Fair & Travel exhibition at Kolkata from 3rd to 5th June 2022.

Stakeholders of Various states along with stakeholders from Bengal are participating in the Tourism Fair & Travel Exhibition. AATO members are attending the exhibition as part of India Tourism delegation and AATO has

also setup its individual stall.

Mr. Vinod informed, Tourism Fair is a great platform for tourism stakeholders to showcase Andamans as an important tourism destination.

Tourism is the largest industry in Andamans and employs a large section of the Island's population. AATO has been participating in travel exhibitions and events to promote Andamans as a world-class destination for the last 17 years.

Mr. M.Vinod has thanked India Tourism, Kolkata Regional Office for providing Space to AATO in India Tourism Pavilion.

Mr. Vinod informed that participation of AATO in the Tourism Fair & Travel Exhibition will give a boost to Andaman Tourism post COVID-19.

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