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Para No.

Reference Director (TW)'s minutes at page 33-36/n.

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This is regarding grant of tribal pass to the Research students of JNU for their stay at Strait Island for a period of six months in connection with the Research projects titled "Vanishing Voices of Great Andamanese sponsored by JNU, New Delhi.

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The reply to the observation of Director (TW) referred to at para 33-36/n is furnished as under:

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With regard to recording the date of discussion with the Chief Secretary, the ES, AAJVS had accompanied the Spl. Secretary (TW) and no record has been maintained regarding date and time of discussion.

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With regard to action plan of AAJVS to study the language of Andamanese scientifically, the CIIL, Mysore has already published the premier on Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas and ~~Sentinese~~ ^{Shomvener} languages. The copies of the published premier books are placed in the file for kind perusal. (six books)

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A Standing Committee of Experts constituted by Executive Council of AAJVS to deliberate all relevant matters relating to the welfare of primitive tribes including research proposals, ongoing research works and the recommendation of the Committee will be considered by the Executive Council and action will be initiated by the decision of the Council vide agenda item No. 9 of the minutes of the Executive Council AAJVS which met on 23.12.2004 and 24.3.2005 at page 17-22/c.

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In this connection it may be mentioned that earlier Dr. Anvita Abbi, had requested this Administration to grant permission to her and her team members to visit Strait Island. Accordingly, we had requested D. C (A) to permit her and her team to undertake research on the Andamanese vide this office letter No. 1-272/2003-TW/456 dated 14.7.2004 at page 12/c. We have got no copy of the tribal pass, number of team members obtained tribal pass and the date of their visit to Strait Island. Our record reveals that they have not visited the Strait Island for their research work before or after Tsunami.

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Subsequently they had recommended the following students viz. Dr. Alok Das, Ms. Bidisha Som and Ms. Arti Kumari during February, 2005 for the study of linguistic research on Andamanese languages. These students were issued Tribal Pass for a period of 15 days which expired on 15th March, 2005. They have requested for extension of tribal pass for a period of two months to complete their linguistic study among the Andamanese. Accordingly the D C (A) was requested to