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(7) It was decided that the Executive Secretary, AAJVS shall make necessary arrangements and move the proposal for seeking approval of the competent authority to the procurement of Laptop and issue necessary instructions to the Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala for use of Laptop and to prevent its misuse by any means.

(III) Engaging the Jarawas in the community works:

(8) Prof. Pandya suggested that selected Jarawa women and men could be engaged as health workers / messengers and paying them in kind, which were useful to the community. He also suggested that Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala be asked to prepare a report as to what items were required by the community which could be provided to them in return of rendering their services.

(9) It was decided that the Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala shall identify willing men and women from Jarawa community to engage them in attending to the basic health need of the Jarawa and protection of their territory against unlawful activities by the settlers and others.

(IV) Documentation of medicinal plants and medical practices among the tribes of A & N Islands:

(10) As decided in the 6th meeting of the RAB the research proposal submitted by Dr. Santhosh Mane, Research Officer (I/C) Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Ministry of AYUSH Government of India, AYUSH Hospital, Port Blair was discussed.

(11) The Secretary (TW) informed that as the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs had been impressing upon this Administration to document the medicinal plants used by the tribal groups, it was decided that the Department of Tribal Welfare will not have any objection to Research Officer (I/C) Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Ministry of AYUSH Government of India, AYUSH Hospital, Port Blair for their undertaking the documentation of medicinal plants in Nicobar District and the medical practices followed by the Nicobares subject to their obtaining the requisite permissions from the competent authority of the Administration and submission of the updated concept note and the estimated cost for seeking Central assistance to the Director (TW) and Director, ANTRI within a fortnight.

(V) Health survey and recommendation relating to immunization of Jarawas:

(12) It was informed that the Director of Health Services (DHS) jointly with the Regional Medical Research Center (RMRC), Port Blair were required to carry out the health survey and submit their findings to the Director (TW), Director (ANTRI) and ES AAJVS on the issue of immunization of Jarawas.