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- (i) Minutes of the expert committee of MoTA meeting held on 08.01.2015  
(ii) Visit of Dr. Hrushikesh Panda, Secretary MoTA

(9) Minutes of the expert committee of MoTA meeting held on 08.01.2015 were placed before the RAB. It was noted that actions taken by the Administration has been appreciated by the above said expert committee of Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(10) The RAB was informed about the official visit of Dr. Hrushikesh Panda, Secretary (MoTA) to the A & N Islands and meeting chaired by Secretary (MoTA) on 07.02.2015 in ANTRI. It was also informed that Secretary (MoTA) has directed the Administration to take up the documentation of medicinal plants and medical practices among the Scheduled Tribes of the Islands before this ethnic knowledge is lost. It was also added that the idea of wellness among the tribes is more important for documentation.

**Agenda No. 8:** Proposal named "Medico Botanical Survey of A&N Islands (Selected Areas)" received from Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry of AYUSH, GOI

(11) The information furnished by the Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Ministry of AYUSH, GOI in the format was placed before the RAB. It was decided that Shri. Manish Chandi, Prof. Pandya and other members will study the information furnished and the same will be discussed in the next RAB meeting.

**Agenda No.9 (Any other points):**

(i) Immunization of the PVTGs

(12) The matter of immunization among the PVTGs was discussed at length. Dr. P. Vijayachari, Director (RMRC), Port Blair explained in detail the issues involved in the universal immunization for the PVTGs. He stressed that it is mandatory to assess the immunological status among such long isolated PVTGs of A & N Islands otherwise the effect could be disastrous for the people. He also opined that it would take about a month or so to study the immunity level and for that necessary arrangements are to be made by the Administration. It was decided that the Directorate of Health Services