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Agenda Item No. 9 : Revised protocol for circum navigation of North Sentinel Islands :

The Secretary (TW) informed that pursuant to the discussions held in the meeting of the Expert Committee of the Ministry held at New Delhi on 08.01.2015, the protocol for circum navigation of North Sentinel Island had since been revised taking into consideration the inputs received during the said meeting and a copy of the same provided to the Ministry on 11.03.2015.

Shri. G. Theva Neethi Dhas, Secretary (Health) said that a future guiding principle needs to be minuted. He added that immediately after the Port Blair visit, the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India met Officers of National Remote Sensing Centre at Hyderabad for assistance through remote sensing technology for locating the position of the Sentinelese. A & N Administration may send a request to Ministry of Tribal Affairs for necessary assistance

The Secretary (TW), however assured that the concerns expressed by Prof. Pandya and the suggestions made by Secretary (Health) shall taken into consideration at the-time of organizing the next circumnavigation of the island.

(Action: ANTRI/ Directorate of Tribal Welfare)

Agenda Item No. 10 : Operationalisation of Jarawa ward at PHC Ferrargunj- estimate to be submitted by APWD :

The Executive Secretary, AAJVS informed that civil/electrical works required for operationalization of Jarwa Ward at PHC Ferrargunj need to be completed urgently. The Chief Engineer, APWD present in the meeting assured that his Department will take up and complete the required civil/electrical works at PHC Ferrargunj provided the sanction of the estimates and funds were placed with APWD. On the suggestions made by Prof. Pandya, the Secretary(TW) informed that the necessary changes as suggested by him be communicated to DFO(SA) along with the funds so that the required changes could be effected.

(Action: APWD / AAJVS / Forest)

Agenda Item No. 11 : Finalisation of Shompen Policy :

Shri. G. Theva Neethi Dhas, former Secretary (TW) informed that draft Shompen Policy was discussed in detail in the recently convened meeting of the Expert Committee of the Ministry on 11.03.2015. He further informed that the Ministry would be conveying its approval for its final notification by the Administration.

(Action: Director of Tribal Welfare / APWD/ AAJVS)