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DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE**

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**Sub: Research among tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- "Grains for gains among Angs at Anaholey Chaddhas"**

NOTE

1. This is regarding proposals submitted by Prof. Pandya, Honorary Director, ANTRI and Member of Research Advisory Board of ANTRI - namely - "Grains for gains among Angs at Anaholey Chaddhas".

2. It is submitted that Prof. Pandya has submitted a proposal for supply of food grains to Jarawas in the Schools started in the Jarawa areas. Prof. Pandya has stated that since November, 2014 till March, 2015 in the classes (at least twice a week) in three places in the Jarawa areas an attendance of an average of 80 children in the age group of 5-15 has been recorded. The proposal - **grains for gains** proposes to provide limited quantity i.e 1.5 KG of rice every 15 days twice in a month. It would be given to the mother or aunt of the school attending child only, and will be distributed by the Jarawa teen-agers in the school. The quantity has been suggested purposefully low so as to not to make a complete rice dependency among the Jarawas.

3. Prof. Pandya has further noted in his proposal that the outsiders give rice to the Jaraws so that they could enter illegally and carryout poaching activities under the protection of Jarawas. This has created rice as a power tool of influence that is further given out by the Jarawas among themselves. Given this trend it is imperative to counter the role of outsiders and their rice. The **summary points** of the proposal at page 6/cor is reproduced below:

" Grains for gains among Angs at Anaholey Chaddhas . "

- Proposal is based on the evaluation of schoolwork Ang Katha and discussion with the Jarawa adults in the three hotspots. The inputs have been taken into consideration to make a project and formalize a possible policy. All in line with the charter adopted by ANTRI.
- Since November 2014 till March'2015 the class (at least twice a week) held in three places has recorded average attendance of 80 kids in the age group of 5 to 15.
- What the project Grains for Gain proposes to provide limited quantity, that is 1.5.kg rice every 15 days, twice in a month.
- It would be given to mother or aunt of the school-attending child only, distributed by the Ang teenagers at school who are rapidly learning numerical literacy. It must be given in front of a collective and on a prefixed day.