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To,
The Chief Secretary,
Andaman and Nicobar Administration,
Secretariat,
Port Blair

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Respected Sir,

I write to you to give you a brief status report on the current policies undertaken vis-a vis the PVTGs of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the Jarawas in particular. While much of the new policy of Empowerment has been debated internally and outside through the national seminar organized by ANTRI in December 2014, and general consensus achieved around initiatives concerning health, education and cultural custodianship, many of the projects already begun are sliding into a state of drift because formal orders regarding their implementation have not been received. AAJVS workers who have begun such work largely through encouragement provided by myself and ES AAJVS, many have begun to feel that unless formal orders are given to them they cannot proceed with the work entrusted to them.

Since you are the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the AAJVS I request to you kindly address this problem at your earliest convenience. I am listing below the orders that are pending and hope that these will be issued as soon as possible.

1. Order approving and incorporating the new **Vision Document for PVTGs of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands** prepared at the direction of the Hon. LG in the last AAJVS GB (March 2014).
2. Order defining the duties of Shri Anup Mondol Senior TWO of the Kadamtalla region as principal **Facilitator of the Ang Katha project** that entails responsibility for supervising activities of the schools at the hotspots. The order should detail time allotment and financial remuneration for this additional duty.
3. Order approving and detailing the implementation of the **Grains for Gains project** aimed at incentivizing school attendance by providing fixed rations of rice (2.5Kgs every fortnight) to children who come to the school on a regular basis.
4. Order approving the provision of clothing to Jarawa men as extension of the **Kangapo project** already initiated for Jarawa women.
5. Order approving the new **Shompen Policy**.
6. Order approving the revised **Sentinel Circumnavigation protocol**.
7. Order approving the initiation of a new **community health initiative** in Tirrur for Jarawa women and the appointment of Ms Janagi Savuriammal TWO of Tirur as principal **Facilitator of the project** and Ms Shabana Moidu, Research Associate, ANTRI as **Co-facilitator**. This order also needs to detail new duty hours and financial incentives for pharmacist Smt Smriti Sarkar AAJVS Tirrur, and Smt Shanti Theresa Lakra, ANM GB. Pant Hospital who would be initiating the training process for Jarawa