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Minutes of meeting held in the chamber of Secretary (TW) on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at in connection with education of the Great Andamanese children

A meeting was convened in the chamber of Secretary (TW) on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 1500 hrs to discuss various issues relating to the education of the Great Andamanese children. The meeting was attended by:-

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| 1. Smti. S.K.P Sodhi        | - Secretary (TW)                |
| 2. Shri. M.R. Trivedi       | - Executive Secretary, AAJVS    |
| 3. Shri. M. Mansoor         | - Principal, ITI, Port Blair    |
| 4. Shri. Sumant Chandwadkar | - Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra |
| 5. Shri. S. Vijaya Kumar    | - Principal, Vivekananda Kendra |
| 6. Smti. Surmae             | - Chief of Great Andamanese     |
| 7. Ms. Buro                 | - Great Andamanese              |
| 8. Master Kishen Singh      | - Great Andamanese              |
| 9. Shri. K. Mohan           | - Accountant, AAJVS             |
| 10. Smti. Sandhya Mondal    | - Social Worker, AAJVS          |

At the outset of the meeting the Secretary (TW) enquired about the performance of the students. The Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya replied that all the students have done well in the examinations except Master Konmow, Olake and Kishen Singh. He added that these students are unable to grasp subjects like Mathematics and English.

The Secretary (TW) stated that the Great Andamanese students being the first generation learners should be assessed leniently, in comparison to non-tribal students.

Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra requested that the three students may be imparted some vocational training as they are more attracted towards skill development activities rather than academic studies. He added that he had visited Strait Island on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and got a good idea and knowledge about them. The children have a good potential in sports and culture.

The Principal, ITI informed that there are various courses which he can offer for these students. He would provide all necessary arrangements for the education and safety of the Great Andamanese students.

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