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so that the findings of research could be utilized for fine-tuning the welfare of primitive tribes. Dr. Vishwajit Pandya Expert Member observed that AAJVS should be more proactive and undertake research work instead of depending on the other organization like ASI etc. for research and study.

After further discussion, it was *resolved to set up a Sub-Committee consisting of the following members as decided in the Executive Council viz. (i) Dr. Vishwajit Pandya (ii) Dr. B.R.Ghosh and (iii) Shri SA Awaradi to study the entire issue and submit its recommendations for consideration by the Executive Council during its next meeting:*

Agenda Item No.7: Discussion on Andaman Trunk Road.

It was mentioned that the matter relating to the Andaman Trunk Road was discussed in detail in two seminars on Jarawas i.e. first seminar at Kolkata in April 2004 and second at Port Blair in May 2004. Different views on the subject were expressed by various experts, individuals and NGOs. The General Body was informed about this matter.

Any Other Agenda items:

8. Revision of scale of free ration for Andamanese and Onges:

At present Andamanese and Onges are being provided with free ration and clothes as per the scale prescribed in 1980s. It was suggested that the items like spices, miscellaneous items like candle, match stick etc. may be deleted from the list. It was suggested that only healthy staple food items may be given to the Onges and Andamanese and that the spices and miscellaneous items be deleted from the list. Dr. Bhupinder Singh observed that the Primitive Tribal Groups should not be made totally dependent on the dole provided by the Government. They should be enabled to move towards self-reliance to become a self-supporting community.