

Summary Record of the Proceedings of the Advisory Committee on Primitive Tribal Groups in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The 2nd meeting of the Advisory Committee on Primitive Tribal Communities in Andaman and Nicobar Islands was held on 13-9-1976 at 11 a.m. in Room No. 325-A, North Block, New Delhi. Shri S. M. Krishnatrey, Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands was in the Chair. The list of participants is appended.

The draft Summary Record of the last meeting had been circulated to the members in March but it has not been finalised so far. The Chairman had sent the corrected version early in May and he desired that the same should be circulated to the members.

The Chairman welcomed the participants and invited their attention to the work already done by the Andaman Adivasi Janajati Vikas Samiti the details of which were circulated in advance to the members. Prof. Vidyarthi thanked the Chief Commissioner on behalf of the Committee for the progress which has been made in this much neglected field in a short period.

After the last meeting of the Committee individual members had prepared their own notes on the basis of their impressions. The notes were circulated for information. The Chairman briefly mentioned the important features of the notes and agreed generally with the tenor in relation to the approach for tackling the problem. He particularly commended the observations of Prof. Vidyarthi except for the suggestion regarding the settlement of members of other tribal communities which, in any case, is a matter not connected with the development of primitive groups.

The committee considered the problems of each primitive group separately. The important points are summarised below:

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The Chairman observed that the individual attention paid to the