

Minutes of the Expert Committee meeting held at Raj Niwas, Port Blair on 6.11.2001

1. The following members of the Expert Committee were present: -

- i) Shri N. N. Jha, Lt. Governor, A & N Islands -- Convenor
- ii) Shri K.B.Saxena, Former Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- iii) Dr. R. K. Battacharaya, Director, ASI.
- iv) Shri Som Naidu, Assistant Commissioner, M/Bunder
- v) Dr.(Smt) Namita Mohammed Ali, Director, of Health Services
- vi) Dr.(Smt) Indira Chakravarthy, Head of Department of Biochemistry & Nutrition, All India Institute of of Hygine & Public Health.
- vii) Shri S.A. Awaradi, Director(Tribal Welfare)

2. ~~Apart from Dr. M.M. Kutty, Secretary (Tribal Welfare)~~ ^{The} following ^{Officers} special invitees were present: -

- a) ^{also} Dr. M. M. Kutty ^{Secretary (Tribal Welfare)},
- b) Shri S.S.Patnaik, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest.
- c) Dr. Manoj Kumar, Regional Medical Research Center.
- d) Officers of the Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair

3. With the permission of the Lt. Governor, Secretary (Tribal Welfare) briefed the ^{Committee} meeting about the decisions taken ^{by} during the last meeting of the Expert Committee and follow up action thereto. ~~one~~ ^{the} taken on ~~those~~ ^{these} decisions.

4. Thereafter Shri K.B.Saxena, Member of the Expert Committee explained the details of action taken so far and made certain suggestions as under :

- i. The draft questionnaires prepared by Director of Health Services, Professor Indira Chakraborty of All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Director of Anthropological Survey of India, and Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair were scrutinized by the Members of the Expert Committee. Certain modification ~~have~~ ^{were} been suggested in the questionnaire on Health and Nutrition.
- ii. The questionnaires prepared by Botanical Survey of India and Zoological Survey of India required thorough revision as they are incomplete.
- iii. Members of the Composite Group from Forest Department are required to be adequately senior and ~~they~~ should not be below the rank of Range Officer.