

**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 Hygiene & Public Health.
- vii) Shri S.A. Awaradi, Director(Tribal Welfare)

2. The following officers were also present: -

- a) Dr MM Kutty, Secretary (Tribal Welfare)
- b) Shri S.S.Patnaik, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
- 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 about the decisions taken in the last meeting of the Expert Committee and the follow-up action taken on those decisions.

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