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Minutes of meeting held on 1st April 2010 at APWD Guest House, Campbell Bay in connection with finalization of Shompen Policy

A meeting was convened at APWD Guest House, Campbell Bay on 1st April 2010 at 8PM to discuss various issues relating to the Shompens and finalization of Shompen policy. The meeting was attended by:-

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| a) Smti. S.K.P Sodhi | - Secretary (TW) |
| b) Shri. Rajeev Singh | - Assistant Commissioner, C/ Bay |
| c) Shri. M.R. Trivedi | - Executive Secretary, AAJVS |
| d) Shri. Dinesh Kannan | - Divisional Forest Officer, C/Bay |
| e) Shri. V. Daniel | - Station House Officer, C/bay |
| f) Shri. Jamil Baksh | - Research Officer (Jr.) |
| g) Shri. K. Mohan | - Accountant, AAJVS |

After detailed deliberations on various issues, the following decisions / were taken:-

- 1) It was decided that Forest Department may allot an area of 200 Sq.mtrs. near the dilapidated bailey bridge at 16 K.M East-West Road for re-establishment of new Shompen Hut Complex. This eco-friendly complex may comprise of one big room (community hall type structure) and two small rooms which shall be constructed purely using minor forest produces.

(Action: Forest department / AAJVS)

- 2) It was felt that the actual head count of the Shompens is not at all known, hence census is absolutely essential. Therefore, it was decided to conduct the census of the Shompens immediately.

For this purpose, AAJVS may engage two persons on contract basis, one Nicobari, preferably Shri. Emos, son of Shri. Sita Ram, Ex-captain Chingen village and a Shompen Shri. Kaken.

Since the Shompens know Shri. Emos very well who can converse in Shompen dialect, it would be easy to obtain all necessary data for the census.