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*Minutes of the meeting taken by Secretary (TW), A & N Administration on 21-9-2002 at 10.00 AM in the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare to review the pending issues.*

**(1) Proposal under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and other issues pending with DC Nicobars.**

Proposal of release of funds for implementation of SCs & STs ( Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, Resettlement & Rehabilitation of project affected people and report on implementation of Excise policy were awaited from DC ( Nicobars ). The Secretary (TW) desired that a list of pending issues should be sent to DC, Nicobars to expedite the information / report.

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**(2) Publicity of Protective Rights under SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 and rules 1995.**

The Secretary (TW) was informed that the DC (A), DC (N) & IGP were requested to identify the spots / locations to erect the hoardings about protective rights of SCs & STs and send the list of such locations to this department so that the number of hoardings could be decided and manufactured, but the information was yet to be received. In the meanwhile, the size of the hoarding i.e. 8' x 8', taking into account the materials has been worked out in consultation with a local Private Firm. The aluminum steel is proposed to be used for the board. The estimated cost per hoarding including materials and erection charges comes to Rs. 7680/-.

The Secretary (TW) decided that the number of hoardings to be made should be worked out taking into account the number of Police Stations, Tehsils, Sub-Divisional Headquarters, Block and District HQs, besides prominent public places like Jetties, entry points of the Jarawa reserved area. Further he desired that the size of the hoarding could be reduced to 6' x 6' feet and in the first instance a sample of the hoarding should be got done on paper in land scape.

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The Secretary (TW) further decided that a D.O. letter should be sent to all HODs enclosing a copy of the protective rights of the SCs & STs under the SCs & STs ( Protection of Atrocities) Act, 1989 so as to create awareness among the employees of the departments concerned.

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**(3) Proposals under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

The Secretary (TW) was informed that the proposals under the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes were pending with the Director of Education.

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- (1) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Book Bank for STs
- (2) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for upgradation of merits of SCs & STs
- (3) Centrally Sponsored Scheme Girls / Boys Hostel for STs
- (4) Centrally Sponsored Scheme establishment of Ashram Schools
- (5) Educational Complex in low literacy pocket for development of women literacy in tribal areas.

The Secretary (TW) desired to hold meeting with the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Education) to expedite the proposals.