

(6) Dr Kanchan Mukhopadya referring to the importance of customary laws of the tribals mentioned that A & N islands do not fall under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution unlike the North - Eastern States where the tribal customary laws have legal force in the matter of law and justice system in those areas. Prof. Pandya suggested that the opinion /views of few community leaders of among the respective tribe of these islands should be taken by the court while deciding the case.

(7) After further deliberation, all present in the meeting opined that such issue be left to wisdom /judgment of the court. It was urged that the required procedure and process of bringing about the proposed amendments should be expedited keeping in view the aim of the protection of aboriginal tribes especially PVTGs of these islands.

Agenda Item No. 3: Land for ANTRI museum

(8) Secretary (TW) explained about the entire issue of allotment of land to ANTRI by the A & N Administration and further APWD has been preparing the estimates for the building that would come up in the present location of ANTRI in Haddo. Prof. Pandya insisted that land should be allotted to ANTRI either at Shore Point village near Bambooflat or at suitable place on the way to Chidiatapu.

Agenda Item No. 4: New research activities to be taken up under ANTRI

(9) Prof. Pandya spoke at length about the new research proposals submitted by Research Officer (ANTRI) and Research Associates (ANTRI). Later, Dr. Kanchan Mukhopadya made certain suggestions in the proposals. Finally, it was agreed that a Workshop will be organized urgently in ANTRI on anthropological research methodology to orient the researchers and till that, the new research proposal be kept on hold.

Agenda Item No.5: Research proposal of Sri Sahir Advani - Exploring fish commoditization and the values of fishing communities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

(10) Prof. Pandya stated that the permission etc is the subject matter of Deputy Commissioner of the District and RAB should not have any objection for the proposed research work by Sahir Advani.

Agenda Item No. 6: Drawing up of the list of participants for the proposed Workshop on "Wellbeing and Self-reliance of PVTGs" as approved by the Chief Secretary.

(11) Prof Pandya insisted that the research Workshop on another subject - " Tribal reserve, its relevance in present day" should be organized in place of the one approved by the Chief Secretary following the meeting of