

the Director of Anthropological Survey of India earlier in the Chamber of Chief Secretary A & N Administration.

Agenda Item No. 7: Any other Agenda with approval of Convener of Research Advisory Board.

(12) With the approval the Chair, two issues: (i) Revival of Reconstruction of East – West Road in Great Nicobar island as requested by APWD (vide letter No. 3-2(26)/CB/Tech/SE(P)/CE/2018-19/987 dated 24/10/2018) and (ii) Request from Prof AN Sharma of Department of Anthropology, Dr H.S. Gour Viswavidyalay (Central University) Sagar, MP for fieldwork among the Jarawa by the MA/Msc final year students vide e-mail dated 30/10/2018 were taken up for deliberation.

(13) Prof. Pandya urged to stick to the earlier stand suggested and accepted by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs that East – West Road , Great Nicobar Island is harmful to the Shompens and so no reconstruction of road should be taken up.

(14) With regard to the request of Prof. A. N. Sharma all the members opined that in view of vulnerability and sensitivity of Jarawas, such fieldwork by MA /Msc final year students is not advisable.

(15) Prof. Pandya suggested that AAJVS should run a mobile shop to meet requirements of the Jarawas. The rationale mentioned by Prof. Pandya is that the Jarawas are getting the alien items from the poachers/ unauthorized persons. Further, he expressed his reservation about the purpose of circumnavigation of North Sentinel Island by the team already constituted by the Administration.

(16) As mentioned at para 7 above, the proposal for the amendment of PAT Regulation has already been put in the Tribal Welfare file for incorporating the amendments following prescribed procedure.

(17) Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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- (ii) Director (TW), A & N Administration Port Blair
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