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It was agreed that various options would be looked into to arrive at the best course of action.

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## TOURISM

1. Development of thrust sector - Tourism (Employment generation),

X IDA – Agenda Item No. 5(A)

IX Standing Committee - Nil.

Status (As on 29.02.2004)

A Standing Committee of Secretaries (SCOS), was constituted on 11.03.2003 by the Cabinet Secretariat and three meetings were held. In the second meeting of SCOS reports prepared by the groups on development of tourism, fisheries, high value agriculture and harnessing hydrocarbon energy resources were considered. It was decided that the three reports be revised and Cabinet Secretary directed that proposals with regard to development of tourism, fisheries, high value agriculture should be prepared expeditiously.

In the meeting taken by Dr. S. Narayan, Economic Advisor to PM on 01.10.2003, representative of M/o Tourism had informed that the Draft Cabinet Note, as decided in the Third Meeting of the Standing Committee of Secretaries has been prepared and circulated for comments,. It was agreed that the final Note for the Cabinet would be submitted by 15th October 2003. The Chairman suggested that ten specific things that can be completed by March 2004 be identified and implemented. He also directed that MoEF be kept on board on the developments

## TRIBAL WELFARE

1. Granting of Scheduled Tribe Status to Ranchi communities

XIDA - NII

IX Standing Committee - Agenda Item No. 5- II (E)

2. Granting Scheduled Tribe Status to Karen communities.

X IDA - NII

IX Standing Committee - Agenda Item No. 5- II (E)

Status (As on 29.02.2004)

The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs informed in the IX Standing Committee Meeting that the proposal requesting grant of Scheduled Tribe status to Ranchi and Karen communities will be examined as per well established constitutional norms, on receipt from A&N Administration.

Proposal has not yet been sent by A&N Administration to the Govt. of India.

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