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May 1987

Summary record of the IX meeting of the Advisory Committee on Primitive Tribal Groups of Andaman and Nicobar Islands held on 15.7.1986 at Raj Nivas, Port Blair, under the chairmanship of Shri Tirath Singh Oberoi, Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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Present

1. Shri V. Ramnath,
Deputy Secretary (TD),
Govt. of India, Ministry
of Welfare (Representing
the Joint Secretary (TD),
Ministry of Welfare) Member
2. Shri T.N. Pandit,
Deputy Director,
Anthropological Survey of India,
Calcutta. Member

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watched.

The following officers were also present:-

1. Shri S.R. Sharma - Chief Secretary,
A & N Administration
and Vice Chairman,
Andaman Adim Janjati
Vikas Samiti.
2. Shri A.C. Kher - Secretary (Tribal Welfare),
A & N Administration.
3. Shri Abhijit Sarkar - Assistant Commissioner
(Tribal Welfare),
A & N Administration
and Member Secretary,
Andaman Adim Janjati
Vikas Samiti.
4. Shri VRU Menon - Executive Secretary,
Andaman Adim Janjati
Vikas Samiti.

While welcoming the members and other officials present, the Chairman, Shri Tirath Singh Oberoi, Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands pointed out that the Advisory Committee was concerned with the tribes called Jarawa, Andamanese, Sentinelese, Onge and Shompen whose aggregate population, he mentioned, was approximately six-hundred. The Chairman observed that these tribes confronted the Administration with the unique challenge of protecting a vulnerable group of communities with populations ranging from twenty seven to approximately two hundred.

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