

Action:
D.C.(Andamans)
and
Secy.(T.W.)

Shri A.C.Kher, Secretary (Tribal Welfare) explained the necessity of training the Pradhans who could give appropriate shape to public opinion with regard to the Jarawas. The Chairman, Shri T.S. Oberoi said that in addition to the Pradhans, all concerned officials should be given proper training in this regard.

SENTINELESE. (1. Habitat: North Sentinel Island,
2. Population: Approximately 80;
3. Social type: Hunting-Gathering).

Action:
A.C.(TW),
ES, AAJVS &
Sentinelese
Contact Party.

The Chairman said that the Administration should continue with its policy of befriending the Sentinelese in a slow but steady manner.

SHOMPEN. (1. Habitat: Great Nicobar Island;
2. Population: Approximately 200;
3. Social type: Hunting-Gathering)

Action:
DHS,
AC(C/Bay),
A.C.(TW) &
ES, AAJVS.

The Chairman expressed his unhappiness over the ineffectivity of the medicare programmes for the Shompens. He made the following prescriptions:

- ✓ (a) A jeep to be purchased and kept under the control of the Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay.
- ✓ (b) A small mechanised boat to be purchased and placed under the control of Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay.
- (c) Jeep and boat to be used for medicare/welfare of Shompens.

Action:
P.E.(AFWD),
A.C.(TW),
A.C.(C/Bay),
and ES, AAJVS.

Upon the submission of the Assistant Commissioner (TW), it was agreed to provide every Shompen settlement with at least one well in order to avert the shortage of drinking water during dry spells.

Action:
Secy.(TW),
A.C.(C/Bay),
A.C.(TW), &
E.S.(AAJVS).

The Chief Secretary's proposal to ensure sufficient supply of degchis to Shompens and to examine the issue in detail with provision for regular monitoring of degchi supply was accepted.