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PUC is a letter dated 30th August 2013 enclosing therewith a copy of action taken note on the minutes of 11th, 12th and 13th IDA meeting received from the Deputy Secretary (Planning), A & N Administration. We are requested to furnish the updated latest status on each of the issues (or) confirm correctness of the status, in case there is no change in the status to submit a detailed note on each of those decisions pending implementation.

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The updated status on the decision taken in the meetings of 11th, 12th & 13th IDA relating to Tribal Welfare Department is furnished as under:-

S No	Agenda and Decisions of 11th IDA (15.6.2007)	Action Taken
10	Minister of Tribal Affairs stated that the Jarawas, Shompens, Onges, Great Andamanese and Sentinelese belong to the country's natural heritage. Their population is dwindling all measures would be taken up to protect them.	<p>In reference to the minutes of the meeting of 'Expert Committee' constituted by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India held on 2.2.2012 for preparation of policies for various Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PTGs) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, it may be recalled that while examining the question of reviewing the existing Jarawa Policy of 2004, the Committee advised the A & N Administration to carry out the empirical study on Jarawa tribe.</p> <p>An empirical study on Jarawas has been undertaken by the A & N Administration with the assistance of the Anthropological Experts, the Tribal Welfare Officers and Janjati Sevaks of Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samity (AAJVS). The topics identified for study are (i) Social Impact Assessment, (ii) Study of movement patterns and Calenderics, (iii) Identifying Jarawa Hot Spots & (iv) Study of Jarawa Nutrition. The Project study has been carried out by the Experts viz. Prof. Vishvajit Pandya, Shri Manish Chandi, Director (TW), Officers of AAJVS with thrust on ethnographic observation and anthropological understanding of the concerns relating to livelihood security of Jarawas, their social organization, forms of education and learning and health & nutrition well being. The research team submitted its findings entitled "Jarawa movements in relation to time and space" to the Administration.</p> <p>The next phase of work in the Jarawa reserve territory will be carried out through the Hot Spots identified during the first phase of study. The process of setting up of Hot Spots at the following places viz Bada Balu, Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lewis Inlet and Bluff Island in Middle and North Andaman is being taken, and once the structure for Hot Spots at the respective places come up and become operational the second phase of work on the Jarawa study including empowerment will begin.</p> <p>To frame/workout a comprehensive policy as per the needs and aspirations of the Shompen tribe the Administration has taken up a survey on contemporary situation of the Shompens to understand the social, political and economic principles by which the Shompen social structures maintained various forms of distance among themselves as well as with the outsiders. The contemporary survey is being carried out the field</p>