		officials of AAJVS under the guidance of the Group of Experts
	Ministry of Tribal Affairs to kindly look into tribal related issues of ANI and Lakshadweep and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to finalise the Cabinet Notes on the Tribal Councils in the ANI within one month.	To provide greater autonomy to the traditional Tribal Councils of the Nicobarese to manage their affairs the A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 promulgated by the President under Article 240 of the constitution of India and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II- Section 1 No. 56 dated 31.12.2009 has come into force.
S No	Agenda and Decisions of 12th IDA (19.01.2009)	Action Taken
19(iv)	Sixth Schedule status to Tribals of Nicobar Group of islands.	The Nicobarese tribal are not included under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. However, in order provide greater autonomy to the traditional Tribal Councils of the Nicobarese to manage their affairs the A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 promulgated by the President under Article 240 of the constitution of India and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II- Section 1 No. 56 dated 31.12.2009 has already come into force.
19(v)	Complaints of Tribal Council of Nicobars regarding their lands taken away and declared as Reserve Forest without consulting them.	Pertains to Forest Deptt.
S No	Agenda and Decisions of 13th IDA (15.6.2011)	Action Taken
1	The A & NI Administration will take immediate steps to notify the proposed amendments to the A & N Islands (PAT) Regulation, 1956 as approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.	The Ministry of Law and Justice notified on 2.7.2012, the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Amendment Regulation, 2012 and the same has been brought into force w.e.f 9.7.2012. The said Regulation defines the terms like Buffer Zone, commercial/tourist establishments etc, apart from empowering the A & N Administration to notify buffer zone from time to time, strict penal provisions have also been incorporated to deter violators of the regulation. The same has been uploaded in the Administration's website.

If approved, we may furnish the information on the above lines to the DS (IDA).

Accordingly a draft letter is submitted for approval please.

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