

25. PUC is a letter dated 3rd March'2014 enclosing therewith a copy of summary record of preparatory meeting for finalization of agenda items of the 14th meeting of IDA held on 16.1.2014 and a copy of follow up letter received from the Planning Commission on the above subject. We are requested to furnish the information on the points related to Tribal Welfare department.

26. The information on the points related to Tribal Welfare Department is discussed as under:

**Points No. 6** Information about the initiatives taken by the ANI Administration for gradual mainstreaming of Jarawas as per the study conducted by expert group headed by Dr. Vishvajit Pandya and the policies for other tribes in ANI

(A) Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India in its meeting held on 2.2.2012 for preparation of policies for various Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PTGs) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands advised the A & N Administration to carry out the empirical study on Jarawa tribe.

Empirical study on Jarawas was 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 Samiti (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. A Project study was 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. The study report has suggested for setting up of 'Hot Spots' in the Jarawa tribal reserve to ascertain the free will of the tribe. Following places viz Bada Balu, Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lewis Inlet, Lakra Lungta and Bluff Island in Middle and North Andaman has been identified as 'Hot Spots'. Out of Eight Hot Spot, five namely- Jhao Kona, Tirur Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lakra Lungta in Middle and North Andaman has been constructed and started functioning.

Recently the Jarawa women also expressed their desire to wear clothes while being in public space. Anthropologists and the Officers of AAJVS carried out a careful study and submitted a report entitled "Kangapo" (stitched garment in Jarawa language). The Kangapo project is being carried out effectively at Hot Spot.

(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs formulated a draft policy on the Shompen tribe and requested the UT Administration finalise the same in consultation with Stake holders. In pursuance of the said directive, a contemporary survey is being carried out by the field officials of AAJVS under the guidance of the Group of Experts. The Survey/data collection in respect of Shompen residing at Chingen, Lawful and Trinket Shompen Village has been completed, while the survey in respect of Shompens living in east-west road area is in progress. The data so collected shall be utilized in framing the policy for Shompens.