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Policy was further reviewed by the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 8.1.2015

- (b) Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India formulated a draft policy on the Shompen tribe and requested the ANI Administration to finalize the same in consultation with stake holders. In pursuance of the said directive, a draft Shompen Policy, 2014 has been framed by subject experts of RAB, ANTRI. The said draft Shompen Policy, 2014 has been approved and finalized by the Expert Committee of the MoTA on 11.3.2015 and the same is under the process of notification by the AN Administration.

(iv) Proposal for consideration:

The status of implementation of Jarawa Policy notified by the Central Govt in the year 2004 is being reviewed by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs periodically. The ANI Administration has recently set up Andaman and Nicobar Tribal Research & Training Institute (ANTRI) to formulate tribal specific policy, based on the field requirements. The policy for the mongoloid tribe namely "Shompen" has recently been approved by the Expert Committee of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India and is being notified.

It is submitted that originally agenda points circulated for 13th IDA meeting covered also the tribal issues of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. However, it was informed by Member Secretary, IDA, during the meeting held on 15.06.2011 that "pending recommendations of the Expert Committee set-up by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to review the Jarawa Policy, 2004, the tribal issues included as item No.5 and 6 of the agenda notes had been withdrawn"

In view of the various initiatives taken in the matter, IDA may kindly be briefed about the above initiatives may like to drop this as an agenda item.

as corrected by the Secy (Law)
The point has been included.