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seen in the Jarawa tribe, the Expert Committee set up by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs advised the A&N Administration to carry out the empirical study on Jarawa tribe and decided that there is no need for a change of Jarawa Policy, 2004 (minutes of the meeting dated 14.10.2011 annexed as Annexure-A). The status of implementation of Jarawa Policy was further reviewed by the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 8.1.2015 (Minutes of meeting is annexed as Annexure-B)

- (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.

**E) Proposal which may be considered by IDA:**

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 approved by the Expert Committee of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India and is being notified. Though no specific proposal is suggested by the ANI Administration to be placed, the IDA may kindly be briefed about the above initiatives. Views of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs may also be obtained.

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