

settlers in North & Middle Andaman District. The ATR is also essential to meet the demand Defence Forces as well as Relief & Rehabilitation operations, in the event of natural disasters. The Committee appreciated the concerns expressed by the Administration and requested to get the sea route project expedited by Ministry of Shipping. (Action: C&LM-I Division, MoTA to take up with Ministry of Shipping)

3. Dr. T.N. Pandit gave a historical perspective on the Jarawas. The Secretary, Tribal Affairs, expressed concern over the deployment of forest officers on the Western Coast. Dr. H. Sudarshan said it was desirable to strengthen the AAJVS instead of deploying forest officers. It was decided that the deployment of forest officials be limited. (Action: A&N Island Administration)

4. The Secretary, TW, A&N stated that the study reports entitled "Calendrical movements of Jarawas" and "Kangapo" (a Stitched garment in Jarawa language) prepared by the Experts were submitted to the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, were carefully considered by AAJVS which is the authorized agency for implementation of Jarawa policy and the following steps were taken:-

(i) A protocol of surveillance has been put in place to secure Western Coast of South and Middle Andaman islands, bordering Jarawa Tribal Reserve from intruders/poachers. Three layers of surveillance through Joint Patrol Parties in the seaward side of the Western Coast involving Navy, Coast Guard, Police Marine force, AAJVS and Forest Departments have been formulated. To meet the requirement of ensuring proper flow of field level intelligence and appropriate prompt response by the relevant Govt. Agencies, Multi Propose Field teams have been constituted with representatives of AAJVS, Police and Forest Departments.

The Committee Members while appreciating the protocol of surveillance have also expressed their concern about involving other Agencies apart from AAJVS in collecting information within the Jarawa Tribal Reserve. The Secretary, TW A&N assured that the protocol would be revisited in consultation with subject experts in Andaman and Nicobar Tribal Research Institute (ANTRI) and AAJVS.

(ii) For sharing the information between the tribal community and the experts/welfare staff of AAJVS and for delivering health and other supports to community, "Hot Spots" have been set up within the Jarawa Tribal Reserve. The Secretary, Tribal Affairs suggested that the "Hot Spots" could be renamed in Jarawa language in consultation with the Jarawa tribe, since the term "Hot Spots" seems inappropriate. Alternately, this could be called a community centre or its equivalent in Hindi. This was agreed upon. (Action: A&N Island Administration)