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(iii) Based on the recommendations of the study report "Kangapo" the stitched garments are being issued to Jarawa women on their specific demand and on barter basis so that the individuals do not lose their dignity.

(iv) Earlier there had been no efforts to meet the aspirations of Jarawa people to use the written medium. Some paintings/ drawings had been supported through supply of paper etc. The young people have picked up words from settlers and tourists. There is need for putting Jarawa language to written medium. Devnagari script is ideal for this purpose as this is the most accurate phonetic script. The people should be given pen, paper and primers (varnmala) in Jarawa language and Devanagari script if they wish so. This was approved.  
(Action: A&N Island Administration)

5. The Secretary, TW, A&N stated that the health aspects of Jarawas are being looked into in consultation with the AnSI and ICMR. Dr. Sudarshan suggested that the traditional medicine needs to be studied and its use encouraged among the Jarawas. The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, suggested that the AAJVS staff be trained in respect of herbal medicines, which may be encouraged amongst Jarawas. The Committee agreed that: (a) Medical interventions should be calibrated; (b) The existing facility inside the protected area should be attended; (c) The problem of anemia needs to be attended to. As anemia is found to be related to worm infection, the latter needs to be treated.

6. The Secretary, TA, asked the Secretary TW, about the draft policy for Shom Pens. The Secretary, TW circulated the Draft Shom Pens Policy, 2014, recently drafted by the Administration. The Secretary, MoTA, requested the Members of the Committee to give their comments upon the draft policy to Secretary, TW, Andaman and Nicobar Administration. The views may be consolidated by secretary TW Department, A&N Administration. This should be considered by the Expert Committee during March 2015.

7. The Secretary TW, A&N informed that the policy of "eyes on" was being adopted by the Administration. A team under the Chairmanship of Secretary (TW) comprising the Director, (TW), Director (ANTRI), Divisional Forest Officer, Deputy Suptt. Of Police, Deputy Director (Tribal Health), Head of Office of AnSI, Executive Secretary, (AAJVS) has been constituted. The Andaman and Nicobar Administration had decided that the team should make random visits to the island. Some of the Members of the Committee expressed their reservation on certain aspects of the protocol recently approved by the Administration for the circumnavigation of Sentinel Island. The Committee was informed that the matter was being revisited by ANTRI and a revised protocol would be issued shortly.