

prompt response by the relevant Govt. Agencies, Multi Propose Field teams have been constituted with representatives of AAJVS, Police and Forest Departments.

- iv. The first phase of provisions of books of bilingual and bicultural curriculum namely "Ang Katha" for the Jarawas has been made. The intention is to ensure and instill community identity vis-à-vis the "outside world". The first phase is underway.

D) Other Initiatives by A&N Administration:

(i) Setting up of Andaman and Nicobar Tribal Research & Training Institute (ANTRI).

ANTRI has been set up vide Admn's Order No. 273 dated 16.2.2013 and made functional from 2.10.2013 with the objectives to provide input to direct a research led welfare policy, work in partnership with indigenous communities, act as clearing house for research proposals and collect, conserve, preserve, analyse & make documents accessible, set up tribal museum and give training. The ANTRI was formally inaugurated by **Hon'ble President of India** on 12.1.2014. A Research Advisory Board (RAB) has been constituted with subject experts. A&N Administration is taking steps to set up a tribal museum and to build the required infrastructure facilities for the tribal research institute in the ensuing financial year.

(ii) Formulation of Policies

- (a) The Govt of India, Ministry of Home Affairs in the year 2004 framed a policy for Jarawas. Based on this policy, the A&N Administration has taken various measures viz., protection of natural habitat, cultural identity, health status of Jarawas and Regulation of traffic of ATR etc. Consequent upon the recent behavioural changes seen in the Jarawa tribe, the Govt of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs advised the A&N Administration to carry out the empirical study on Jarawa tribe. Govt of India has reviewed the Jarawa Policy on 14.10.2011 and decided that there is no need for a change of Jarawa Policy, 2004 (minutes of the meeting/annexed).

The status of implementation of Jarawa policy was further reviewed by the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 14.10.2011 (minutes of the meeting in annex)

Expert Committee set up by MoTA

held on 14.10.2011

- (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.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(c) In respect of Jarawas,

Director (Tribal Welfare)