

(35) PUC is a letter dated 15th October 2014 received from the Deputy Secretary (Planning), A & N Administration enclosing therewith a copy of agenda points of 11th 12 & 13th IDA meetings relating to Tribal Welfare department. We are requested to furnish updated action taken report on the decision taken in the 10th, 11th 12th 13th IDA meetings. The Agenda Points may kindly be seen at flag 'A'.

(36) The **updated status report as on 15.10.2014** on the agenda points of 11th 12 & 13th IDA meetings relating to Tribal Welfare department is discussed as under:

(37) **11th IDA Meeting:**

Agenda point: Minister of Tribal Affairs stated that the Jarawas, Shompens, Onges, Great Andamanese and Sentinelese belong to the Country's natural heritage. Their population is dwindling and all measure would be taken up to protect them.

Consequent on the direction of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs an Empirical study on Jarawas was undertaken by the A & N Administration with the assistance of the Anthropological Experts, the Tribal Welfare Officers and Janjati Sevaks of Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS). The research team submitted its findings entitled "Jarawa movements in relation to time and space" to the Administration. The study report has suggested for setting up of 'Hot Spots' in the Jarawa tribal reserve to ascertain the free will of the tribe. Following places viz Bada Balu, Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lewis Inlet, Lakra Lungta and Bluff Island in Middle and North Andaman has been identified as 'Hot Spots'. Out of Eight Hot Spot, six namely- Jhao Kona, Tirur, Bada Balu, Potatang, Lakra Lungta and Phooltala has been set up in relation to different Jarawa habitats/concentrations have become functional with delivery of welfare schemes as well as interactions between the Jarawas and officials of AAJVS.

The Immunization programme for the Jarawa children in the age group of 0-10 yrs shall be undertaken by the Directorate of Health Services, A & N Administration in association with Regional Medical Research Council, Port Blair. The usual medical coverage such as in-situ treatment of the Jarawas by the Pharmacist of the AAJVS and evacuation of Jarawa patients of serious illness to the nearby PHCs including GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair is extended.

The Tribal Research and Training Institute (ANTRI) Port Blair is working on preparation of bilingual varnmala and lessons to be taught to the multi aged group of the Jarawas at the respective Hot Spots in relation to season, ecology and environment, cumulative education system including awareness of weighing/measurement etc. The preparation work of bilingual varnmala is expected to be completed shortly.

With regard to implementation of recommendation of the report titled "Kangapo" (stitched garment in Jarawa language) following finalization of design of Kangapo in consultation with the Jarawa ladies, orders have been placed with Khadi and Village Industries Board initially for procurement of 100 sets of clothing to be issued to the Jarawa ladies in exchange of hand woven baskets. With the distribution of 20 sets of Kanagapo (clothing) to 20 Jarawa women at Hot Spot 'Potatang' in exchange of baskets on 18.9.2014 marks the beginning of implementation of the recommendation on 'Kangapo'. Likewise the distribution of Kangapo to the Jarawa work in the jurisdiction of the remaining Hot Spot will be carried out shortly.