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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

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Port Blair, dated 27 October 2014.

To

The Deputy Secretary (Plg),
A & N Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub: Updated Action Taken Report on the decision taken in the
10th, 11th, 12th & 13th Island Development Authority (IDA)
meetings chaired by the Prime Minister - reg

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. 3-4(104)/(2013-2014)/ IDA
dated 15.10.2014 on the above cited subject.

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 furnished as under:

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.