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accepted gifts of coconut. However, after 1993, the Administration followed 'hands-off' policy.

Now the Experts have suggested to have 'eyes-on' policy, to prevent poaching as this land is situated at a distance of 35 km (approx) from the nearest jetty at Wandoor and to meet their livelihood and health needs. The issue was taken up in the 44th General Body meeting of the AAJVS and it was decided that in order to ensure the protection and the well-being of the Sentinelese tribe, the circumnavigation of North Sentinel Island should be carried out atleast once in three months, strictly following the protocol prepared by the Expert members/Research Advisory Board (RAB), ANTRI and approved by Administration.

Consequent upon the decision taken in the 44th General Body meeting of the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands has constituted a protocol team to Circumnavigate the North Sentinel Island for the protection and well being of the Sentinelese tribe with the following: Secretary (TW) as Chairman, Director (TW), Director (ANTRI), Divisional Forest Officer nominated by PCCF, Dy Superintendent of Police nominated by SP (District), Deputy Director (Tribal Health) and Head of Office, AnSI as member; Executive Secretary, AAJVS as Member Secretary. The Protocol team shall function on the recommendation as accepted by the Administration.

**Agenda Point:** Ministry of Tribal Affairs to kindly look into tribal related issues of ANI and Lakshadweep and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to finalise the Cabinet Notes on the Tribal Councils in the ANI within one month.

No change in the status.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> IDA Meeting:**

**Agenda Point :** Sixth Schedule status to Tribals of Nicobar Group of Islands.

The Nicobarese tribal are not included under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. However, in order to provide greater autonomy to the traditional to the traditional Tribal Councils of Nicobarese to manage their affairs the A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 promulgated by the President under articles 240 of the Constitution of India and published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II Section 1 No. 56 dated 31.12.2009. To implement the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009 draft Electoral Rules, was prepared and sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars for seeking the views/suggestions of the tribal leaders way back in May'2011 before they could be finalized and got approved from the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands. The Deputy Commissioner,