

**TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**  
**COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND NOTE ON**  
**AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> IDA MEETING**

1.	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Agenda No. 5 Issues concerning the indigenous tribes of ANI i.e. Shompens, Jarawas and Sentinelese and establishment of Tribal Research Institute.</b>
2.	<b>Introduction</b>	Shompens, Jarawas and Sentinelese and A&N Tribal Research Institute (ANTRI).
3.	<b>Background</b>	<p><b>Shompens:</b></p> <p>The Shompens are the nomadic tribe belonging to Mongoloid Race inhabiting in the interior terrain of Great Nicoabar Island in the Nicobars District. Shopmpens practice horticulture, hunting, fishing and gathering. They are very shy in nature and hardly may we find their female folks. The population of Shompens is at present 219. Prior to Tsunami the Shompens inhabited in the nine (09) bands. But since the large part of coastal area has been submerged by sea, they have shifter their residence inside the jungle. The Shompens of 35 km Chingen village has now rehabilitated in the Agriculture farm at 7km. Administration provide free ration, free medical care and iron tool kits etc to Shompens.</p> <p><b>Jarawas:</b></p> <p>The Jarawas are the nomadic tribe belonging to Negrito Race, inhabiting in the South and</p>