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As stated at Para 44/n, a meeting was held on 26.2.2015 in the chamber of Secretary (Plg), A&N Administration to review the updated status of IDA points. In the said meeting, it was desired to furnish the updated status note sent earlier dated 2.5.2014 on issues concerning Tribal Welfare Department.

**Point No. 6: Information about the initiatives taken by the ANI Administration for gradual mainstreaming of Jarawas as per the study conducted by expert group headed by Sr Visvajit Pandya and the policies for other tribes in ANI.**

*(Status as on 26.2.2015)*

A) Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt of India in its meeting held on 2.2.2012 for preparation of policies for various Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PTGs) of A&N Islands advised the A&N Administration to carry out the empirical study on Jarawa Tribe.

Empirical study on Jarawas was undertaken by 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 topics identified for study are (i) Study Impact Assessment (ii) Study of movement patterns and Calenderics (iii) identifying Jarawa hot-spots & study of Jarawa Nutrition

Based on the study reports entitled "Calendrical movements of Jarawas" and "Kangapo" (a Stitched garment in Jarawa language) submitted by the Experts, the ANI Administration has taken following steps: -

- (i) For sharing the information between the tribal community and the experts/welfare staff of AAJVS and for delivering health and other supports to community, 08 "Hot Spots" (Community centre) have been identified within the Jarawa Tribal Reserve namely Bada Balu, Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala, Lewis Inlet, Lakra Lungta and Bluff Island in North & Middle Andaman District. Out of 08 "Hot Spots" (Community centre), 05 namely Jhao Kona, Tirur and Potatang in South Andaman and Phooltala & Lakra Lungta in North & Middle Andaman District had been constructed and started functioning.
- (ii) Based on the recommendations of the study report "Kangapo" the stitched garments are being issued to Jarawa women on their specific demand and on barter basis so that the individuals do not lose their dignity.
- (iii) A protocol of surveillance has been put in place to secure Western Coast of South and Middle Andaman islands, bordering Jarawa Tribal Reserve from intruders/poachers. Three layers of surveillance through Joint Patrol Parties in the seaward side of the Western Coast involving Navy,