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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE  
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Port Blair, dated 11<sup>th</sup> October' 2013

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

Sub: Implementation of decisions taken in 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th IDA.-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. 3-4(104)2013-2014/IDA dated 30th August'2013 on the above cited subject.

The updated status on the decision taken in the meetings of 11th, 12th & 13th IDA relating to Tribal Welfare Department is furnished as under:-

S No	Agenda and Decisions of 11th IDA (15.6.2007)	Action Taken
10	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. All measures would be taken up to protect them.	In reference to the minutes of the meeting of 'Expert Committee' constituted by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India held on 2.2.2012 for preparation of policies for various Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PTGs) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, it may be recalled that while examining the question of reviewing the existing Jarawa Policy of 2004, the Committee advised the A& N Administration to carry out the empirical study on Jarawa tribe. An empirical study on Jarawas has been 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 topics identified for study are (i) Social Impact Assessment, (ii) Study of movement patterns and Calenderics, (iii) Identifying Jarawa Hot Spots & (iv) Study of Jarawa Nutrition. The Project study has been carried out by the Experts viz. Prof. Vishvajit Pandya, Shri Manish Chandi, Director (TW), Officers of AAJVS with thrust on ethnographic observation and anthropological understanding of the concerns relating to livelihood security of Jarawas, their social organization, forms of education and learning and health & nutrition well being. The research team submitted its findings entitled "Jarawa movements in relation to time and space" to the Administration. The next phase of work in the Jarawa reserve territory

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