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**Tribal Welfare**

**ACTION TAKEN NOTE ON THE MINUTES OF 11TH MEETING OF  
IDA HELD ON 15.06.2007.**

S No	Agenda and Decisions	Action Taken
10	Minister of Tribal Affairs stated that the Jarawas, Shompens, Ongese, Great Andamanese and Sentinelese belong to the country's natural heritage. Their population is dwindling and all measures would be taken up to protect them.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs has constituted an Expert Committee to monitor and review the implementation of Jarawas Policy- 2004 and for preparation of separate policies for four Primitive Tribal Groups to save them from total extinction. The first Meeting of the experts was held on 25.05.2007. Ministry has directed Tribal Welfare Department, ANI Administration to prepare a draft policy on the Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) including Shompens and accordingly ANI Administration has prepared draft policy in December 2007. ANI Administration has circulated the policy within the officials of UT Administration for comments and this will be sent shortly.
12(v)	Ministry of Tribal Affairs to kindly look into tribal related issues of ANI and Lakshadweep and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to finalize the Cabinet Notes on the Tribal Councils in the ANI within one month.	MHA on 10.10.2008 has requested the A & N Administration to examine the regulation vetted by the Ministry of Law and furnish comments. Reply is being sent.