

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON 12TH IDA MEETING HELD ON
19TH JANUARY, 2009 AT NEW DELHI**

S No	Agenda and Decisions	Action Taken
19(iv)	<p>Sixth Schedule status to Tribals of Nicobar Group of islands.</p> <p>(Action: MHA)</p>	<p>The Nicobarese tribal are not included under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. However, in order provide greater autonomy to the traditional Tribal Councils of the Nicobarese to manage their affairs the A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 promulgated by the President under Article 240 of the constitution of India and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II- Section 1 No. 56 dated 31.12.2009 has been come into force and the same has been re-published by the A & N Administration vide Notification No. 64/2010/F.No. 1-849/2009-TW dated 17.3.2010. The same is under implementation.</p>
19(v)	<p>Complaints of Tribal Council of Nicobars regarding their lands taken away and declared as Reserve Forest without consulting them.</p> <p>(Action: MoEF)</p>	<p>Administration vide Notification No.G/635/2 dated 15.03.1971 declared its intention to convert protected forest area excluding tribal villages in Nicobar District as Reserve Forest. The Administration has reexamined the matter in the light of apprehensions of tribal population and decided to withdraw the notification. The process of declaring protected forest area as Reserved Forest has been closed.</p>