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May like to see Admn's letter No. 8-2/2017-18/HMAC/Monitoring dated 21.9.2017 of Dy Secretary (Plg), A&N Administration, wherein the copy of MHA's letter No. U-13019/2/2017-ANL dated 29.8.2017 has been forwarded with the request us to furnish the action taken in respect of the following points related to Tribal Welfare Department, which was discussed in the HMAC meeting held on 28.7.2017 under the chairmanship of Home Minister at New Delhi.

Point No.	Issues	Discussion
11	All Centrally Sponsored Schemes should be implemented timely - Progress of schemes are very slow	The Committee was apprised that to accelerate the progress of the CSS, the NITI Aayog and the Administration were developing a dashboard, wherein the department would be updating the progress on real time basis

Action Taken Report: Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Pre and Post Matric Scholarship to STs & OBCs are being implemented by this Directorate being the Nodal Department. Education Department is the Implementing Agency. Due to closure of school, the Scholarship schemes could not be implemented so far. However, now we have received the proposals Pre and Post Matric Scholarship to STs & OBCs from Education Department, and the same is being forwarded to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for release of fund under the scheme.

With regard to other Centrally Sponsored Schemes like Scheme for Girls & Boys Hostel and Scheme of Ashram School, it is to state that both the schemes are not being implemented presently. The need for hostel for Girls & Boys has not so far been felt. However, the feasibility of having a hostel is being explored in consultation with the Education Department and Tribal Councils. The Scheme of Ashram School is not being implemented as the schools in tribal areas are situated very close to their habitations and the students prefer attending the school from the respective home.

Point No.	Issues	Discussion
33	100% Central funding for Centrally Sponsored Schemes	All Centrally Sponsored Schemes are 100% centrally funded. The Committee noted

Action Taken Report: Noted

Point No.	Issues	Discussion
39	Exemption for the scheduled tribes of A&N islands from payment of Income Tax	The Committee was apprised that the matter was taken up with the Department of Revenue who has not agreed to. Hon'ble Home Minister desired that the matter may be pursued again with the Ministry of