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Ms. Sudha Pillai, Member Secretary, welcomed the participants and informed that pending recommendations of the Expert Committee set-up by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to review the Jarawa Policy, 2004, items 5 and 6 of the Agenda Notes circulated in advance to the participants have been withdrawn. Accordingly, discussions were held on the basis of the Revised Agenda placed as Addendum. After discussion, the following decisions were taken:-

Revised Agenda Item-1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twelfth Meeting of the IDA

The minutes of the 12th IDA meeting held on 19th January, 2009 were confirmed.

Revised Agenda Item-2: Action taken note on the decisions/suggestions at the Twelfth Meeting of Island Development Authority (IDA) held on 6th January, 2009

The A&NI Administration will submit a proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs for payment of compensation in cash, or any other mode which will provide relatively high degree of liquidity, for livestock loss to Tsunami victims in the Island.

[Action: A&NI Administration]

The A&NI will formulate a scheme for compensating to the stretcher patients the amount of airfare paid/payable by him for evacuation from the Island, in excess of the airfare for single seat.

[Action: A&NI Administration]

Revised Agenda Item-3: Setting up of a Medical College in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare should consider relaxing extant rules and grant approval to the proposal of the Andaman & Nicobar Island Administration to set-up a Medical College. The approval should be granted by the 15th July, 2011.

[Action: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare]