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PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOME MINISTER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HMAC) MEETING FOR ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS HELD AT 11.00 AM ON 28-07-2017 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE HOME MINISTER.

The first meeting of the re-constituted Home Minister's Advisory Committee(HMAC) was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister on 28.7.2017. List of participants is annexed.

At the outset Hon'ble Home Minister welcomed the members of the HMAC and appreciated that a number of agenda points have been submitted related to development of UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Hon'ble HM recalled that the last meeting of HMAC was held eleven years back. Hon'ble HM emphasized on the need to give priority on development and welfare sectors. He assured that the Ministry of Home Affairs will consider its recommendations for necessary time bound implementation.

Thereafter, Hon'ble HM asked JS(UT) to carry on the proceedings of the meeting and JS(UT) apprised the Hon'ble HM and Committee members about major initiatives/achievements viz. constitution of Committee on land matters of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, taking up the matter with Ministry of Finance after implementation of GST, Risk & Hardship allowance to Fire Service personnel and release of pending payment under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan(SSA).

Thereafter following agenda points were discussed in the meeting:

1. Grant of Ownership right over land in the UT of A&N Islands– Amendment in Land Regulation-Islanders still tenants:

It was decided that this is a matter of policy and will be dealt with separately.

2. Formation of definite package for shifting/relocation of Katchal Tamil Settlers:

The UT Administration informed that a Committee has been constituted under Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman including the members of Tamil repatriated persons to work out an acceptable settlement package. Hon'ble HM directed that it may be pursued and decision be taken on priority.

(Action: UT Administration)

3. DRMs - Grant of 1/30th Pay + DA to the DRMs working in the various departments since past 10-5 years as per GoI OM:

The UT Administration informed the Committee about action taken by them on the issue. The UT Administration also informed that PBMC has framed a model for implementing it for the DRMs working there. Hon'ble HM desired that it should be implemented and if UT Administration felt any difficulty in implementing in one go, it can be implemented in a phased manner.

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