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Anthropologists, Social activists and other experts. The report submitted by the Group of Experts was forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The Sub-Committee in its meeting held on 14.10.2011 accepted the report which inter-alia includes:-

i) That there is no need for a change in Jarawa Policy. However it was recommended to reduce the number of convoys on the ATR and develop alternate sea route for Baratang and North Middle Andaman. //

ii) Restructure Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) for effective implementation of Jarawa Policy, proper and adequate medical help/intervention to Jarawas, proper awareness programme for settlers and communities using ATR.

iii) Listen and facilitate Jarawas, rather than "provide and deny", due to the changes being experienced by this community. Policy / actions to be research based. Some suggested area for time bound research include Socio Impact Assessment, Study on Movement Pattern and Calenderics Identifying Jarawa 'Hotspots' and Study on Nutritional and health aspects.

iv) The Administration has already implemented some of the recommendations namely, Daily Convoy frequency between Jirkatang to Middle Strait reduced from 8 to 4 w.e.f 25.9.2011 vide circular dated 13.9.2011. An officer of the rank of DIG of Police has been designated as Nodal Officer to monitor day to day activities on ATR and strict vigil in the Jarawa Reserve. //

v) AAJVS reconstituted, Experts included, 22 contractual employees regularized, and post of Development-cum-Research Officer created. PAT Regulation 1956 got amended and notified on 2.7.2012 by the Government of India. Periodic training is being given to staff for field implementation. First training was held on 12-13 July 2012 and sensitization of villagers residing in Buffer Zone was conducted. As suggested by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in order to review the Jarawa Policy, 2004, empirical data is being collected by engaging field functionaries of AAJVS under the guidance of Group of Experts. A three day orientation workshop from 13th to 15th October, 2012 was organized for the field functionaries of AAJVS for skill up-gradation.

vi) The Group of Experts constituted by the Administration has already taken up research Project, to study livelihood pattern, health issues etc of the Jarawas so as to assess the perception, the will & the preparedness of the tribe to interact with the outside world on an equal footing and make informed decisions. This work is being carried out with the assistance of staff and officers of AAJVS. It is expected that the report of the group will be made available within six months.

✓ 17. That thereafter, the report was carefully examined by the Administrator, A&N Islands who approved on 16.1.2013 a revised Buffer zone notification invoking his power under section 3(A) //