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Minutes of meeting held on 13/07/2016 at 2.30 PM under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary in Mini Conference Hall to discuss welfare and development issues of Jarawas

(1) The following officers were present in the meeting:

- (i) Director General of Police, A & N Administration Port Blair
- (ii) Secretary (TW), A & N Administration Port Blair
- (iii) Inspector General of Police, A & N Administration Port Blair
- (iv) Director (ANTRI), A & N Administration Port Blair
- (v) Superintendent of Police South Andaman Port Blair
- (vi) Research Officer (TW), Port Blair
- (vii) Administrative Officer (AAJVS), Port Blair
- (viii) Junior Research Officer (TW), Port Blair
- (ix) Extension Officer (TW), Port Blair
- (x) Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala
- (xi) Tribal Welfare Officer, Tirur
- (xii) Janjati Sevak, AAJVS

(2) The Chief Secretary in his opening remarks recounted with brevity the journey Jarawas have made during last two decades from the days when the word "Jarawa" used to be spine-chiller to the non-tribals. He emphasized the need for an effective protection of Jarawas including their health care especially prevention of spread of alien diseases now as their indigenous impregnable defense - the active hostility is no longer being practiced by them.

(3) The Secretary (TW) explained briefly about the measures being taken by the Administration for protection and the wellbeing of the Jarawas. The Director (ANTRI) briefed about the following critical factors involved in the matter of protection of the Jarawas especially of Tirur area:

(i) Contact of non-tribals is the mother of all ills for Jarawas.

(ii) Exploitative interaction of non - tribals with Jarawas.