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effective prosecution of offenders and also about deterrent provisions in the proposed amendment in PAT Regulation.

- (8) Thereafter, the Administration in the Department of Tribal Welfare shall request the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to hold a meeting in which the A & N Administration will place the issues of applicability of criminal laws in the matters concerning to the Particularly Vulnerable tribe like Jarawa and amendment in PAT Regulation.
- (9) Recent developments relating to the Jarawas were discussed. Having introduced the clothing among the Jarawas by AAJVS, now the bounden duty of AAJVS is to teach Jarawas to not keep wearing the wet clothes to prevent the impending serious health hazard for them.
- (10) The matter relating to the tribal languages came up for discussion. It was informed by Secretary (TW) that on reference from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, A & N Administration under sector Art & Culture has already initiated the task of preservation of endangered tribal languages in association with Central Institute of Indian Languages and ICSSR. The Chief Secretary advised the field staff to learn the tribal languages.
- (11) The issues relating to convoy system on Andaman Trunk Road were discussed. It was decided that the Transport Department shall augment its infrastructure at Ferrargunj for assisting Police in towing of the vehicles which break down while moving in convoy on ATR.
- (12) The Chief Secretary also referred to the issues related to the welfare of Shompen and the wellbeing of the Sentinelese. The Secretary (TW) mentioned that the health care and disease surveillance system is proposed to be put in place for Shompen and the requirement of manpower etc is being placed in the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Council of AAJVS.