

Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee to review the existing Policy on Jarawa Tribe of A&N Islands, 2004, held on 14-10-2011 at 4.00 P.M in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.

In pursuance of the provisions of Clause VI (a) of the Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands, 2004, a Sub-committee of the Expert Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Tribal Affairs) to review the Policy on Jarawa tribe. The Sub-Committee had two meetings earlier and the third meeting was held on 14-10-2011 to consider the recommendation of the Group of Experts set up by the A&N Administration to get perception of Jarawa Tribe. A list of participants is at Annex.

Welcoming the Members of the Sub-Committee, the Chairman invited the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration to present the recommendations of the Group of Experts along with the views of the A&N Administration. In his presentation, the Chief Secretary highlighted the provisions of the present policy, those components which may need a relook and he discussed in details the need to lay emphasis on 'empowerment' rather than the approach of 'no intervention' in the context of the changed scenario where more members of the tribe are coming out of their area and having increasing contact with the outside world. He also presented a set of recommendations of the Group of Experts which included the following:-

- Reduce convoys on ATR and open alternate sea route by speed boats.
- Revamp functioning of Andaman Aadi Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS).
- Provide medical help, screening and inoculation for settlers and workers.

He said  
Recommendation of A&N  
model reply  
24/11/2012