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- Conduct Awareness programme for settlers and Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) users.
 - Include information on local tribes and culture in School curriculum.
 - Undertake time bound Research Studies on identified themes such as Movement Patterns, Social Impact Assessments, Nutritional Studies, etc on Jarawa tribe.
 - Assigning greater role to Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) for supporting A&N Administration.

The Committee discussed in detail the points made by the Chief Secretary. It was decided that for the present, "facilitation" was required and there is no need for a change in the Policy at this juncture, as the suggestions made are already covered by the present Policy and that for changes in Policy, if required, Andaman and Nicobar Administration may undertake evidence based research studies, specific topics and time frame for which could be suggested by the Expert Group. The recommendations made by the Expert Group formed by A&N Administration were accepted by all members of the Committee. The members welcomed the recommendation that the policy and actions need to be research driven and based on evidence.

The Committee also noted that the ATR issue is sub-judice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and same would be guided by the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.