

- For the time being, no reconstruction of EWR
- ✓ Repair the segment up to 16th km
- ✓ Maintain a footbridge over the Galathea River and a footpath up to 19 Km on EWR
- ✓ Undertake construction of eco-hut type easy to maintain outpost facility in the segment at 16 Km
- ✓ Embark on the systematic guided field research among the Shompens through trained AAJVS staff in collaboration with AnSI, ICMR, etc.
- ✓ Consider connectivity of west coast through alternative Coastal Road (footpath across Galathea Bay)
- Facilitate cultural empowerment and historical relations between Nicobarese and the Shompens
- ✓ Training and recruiting people from the Pulo Bhabí region into AAJVS - highly desirable
- ✓ Organise data collection and systematic study with trained staff to ensure that in near future Shompens as well as AAJVS is prepared to deal with potentially rapid transformations from outside as well as within the Shompens society.

Andaman & Nicobar Administration expressed reservations about the connectivity to the west coast through alternate coastal road as the coastline has been severely damaged and indented after the 2004 earthquake and it will be very difficult to construct a road. The Committee noted the reservation and after deliberations endorsed the findings of the Group of Experts.

Agenda Item No.3: Action taken on the recommendations of the 'Sub-Committee of Expert Committee to review the existing Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands, 2004' in its meeting held on 14.10.2011:

The Expert Committee took stock of the steps taken by the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration with regard to the short term and long term recommendations agreed in the meeting held on 14-10-2011 for the protection of the Jarawas which are as follows:

1. To regulate traffic in more disciplined and supervised manner between the 43 km stretch passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and back, the number of convoys has already been reduced from 8 to 4 from each side.
2. In the General Body Meeting of AAJVS held on 9.1.2012 the proposal regarding restructuring of AAJVS has been discussed and finalised.
3. Sufficient infrastructure is there for providing medical health, screening and inoculation for settlers and AAJVS and other field workers.