

to the Administration to provide them financial relief and alternate livelihood options.

24. That it is further submitted that the Jarawa Policy, 2004 has laid down that facilities for travel by boat / ship will be strengthened and transportation / travel by sea will be encouraged. Therefore, a decision was taken in the meeting held on 11.5.2009 under the Chairmanship of Secretary to GOI (Tribal Affairs) that a project report on alternate sea route (s) to Baratang would be prepared by the Administration within six months and submit it to Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Tribal Affairs for funding. The project proposal worth of Rs. 135 crore for the alternate sea route to Baratang Island was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs during January, 2011 for approval. The Ministry of Home Affairs has directed to take up the matter with Ministry of Shipping during October, 2011. The Ministry of Shipping has seized up the matter and a meeting