

(9) May please peruse the Administration's Notification published in the official gazette vide No. 210 dated 21st December, 2004 (copy is placed at page 25-28/c) laying down the strategies/ guidelines for the protection and welfare of the Jarawa Tribe. The following issues are to be addressed with regard to protection and welfare of the Jarawa as mentioned in the Jarawa policy.

- I) Protection of cultural identity.
- II) Protection of the Natural Habitat.
- III) Protection of Health Status.
- IV) Regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road.
- V) Codification of Jarawa Language.
- VI) Institutional arrangements.

(10) In this regard it is stated that a meeting was held on 29.9.2005 in the chamber of the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration to review the implementation of Jarawa policy. (A copy of the minutes is placed at page 29-32/c for reference) The following decisions were taken:

- 1) Alternate mode of transport from Port Blair to Middle and North Andaman.
- 2) Plying cargo ship between Port Blair and North Andaman to reduce traffic on the Andaman Trunk Road.
- 3) Enforcement of convoy system rigorously.
- 4) Intensification of patrolling on ATR to eliminate contact of non-tribal with the Jarawas.
- 5) Procurement of vehicles for patrolling by AAJVS.
- 6) Signages on ATR and at the check post to be made more effective.
- 7) Alternative road and shipping route from Port Blair to Shoal Bay and then to Baratang.
- 8) Working out diagnostic approaches and drug regimen for the Jarawas.
- 9) Deployment of female Police / Home Guard at all sensitive locations.
- 10) Documentation of culture and linguistics aspects of Jarawas through the professional bodies of the Government.
- 11) Institutional arrangements to monitor implementation of Jarawa policy.