ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION **Directorate of Tribal Welfare**

File No. 1-505/2009-TW

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PUC is the letter dated 30.12.2009 from the Joint Secretary (Planning), A & N Administration addressed to all Commissioners / Secretaries and Heads of Departments, A&N Administration regarding review of follow up action taken on the decisions of 12th IDA meeting held on 19th January, 2009 at New Delhi and circulated on 23.2.2009. They have requested us to intimate the present status on the decisions pertaining to Tribal Welfare Department.

As per the minutes of the 12th meeting of IDA held at New Delhi on 19.1.2009 at pages 2-9/C, the Point No. 19 (vi) relates to PTGs of A & N Islands is reproduced below:

Point No. 19 (vi):

"The Minister of Tribal Affairs and Home Affairs in consultation with ANI Administration to review the usefulness of existing arrangement of AAJVS meant to protect the Primitive Tribal Groups of ANI and also decide on setting up of the Jarawa Tribal Development Authority, as suggested in the Report of the Sub-Group of Experts. These matters would be coordinated by Ministry of Tribal Affairs".

In this context, it is stated that a report on the mater has already been furnished to the Evaluation Officer, A & N Admn. vide this Directorate's letter No. 1-505/2007-TW/421 dated 22nd June, 2009 at pages 8/C.

With regard to restructure of AAJVS with the inputs from those who have experience in working with the tribals in A & N Islands, it is stated that the National Productivity Council, (Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India) Kolkata has been requested to initiate study for rationalization of manpower study in AAJVS.

Further it was decided in the meeting that the establishment of a Jarawa Development Authority was not considered necessary. Hence this item may, therefore, be dropped from the list of IDA decisions of 19th January, 2009.

If approved we may send the present status on the issue to the JS (Plg.) on the above lines. Accordingly a draft letter is put up for perusal and approval please.

Astt. Commissioner (TW) May Kindly be apploud. Mode 200