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PUC is the letter dated 10-3-2010 of the Evaluation Officer, A & N Administration, Port Blair addressed among others to the Director Tribal Welfare, Port Blair regarding submission present status of 12th IDA meeting held on 19-1-2001 at New Delhi. They have requested us to furnish the up-dated status of issued pertaining to Tribal Welfare Department at the earliest.

As per the minutes of the 12th meeting of IDA held at New Delhi on 19.1.2009 placed at page 15-19/C, the present status of the following points is furnished as under.

Point No. 19 (iv): Sixth Schedule status to Tribals of Nicobar group of Islands.

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands are not covered under the sixth schedule of the Constitution.

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 promulgated by the President under article 240 of the Constitution of India published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II-Section 1 No. 56 dated 31-12-2009 has been received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi vide their letter No. 11023/2/2006-UTL dtd. 20-1-2010 and the same is being republished in the Andaman & Nicobar Gazette.

Point No. 19 (iv): Complaints of Tribal Council of Nicobars regarding their land taken away and declared as Reserve Forest without consulting them.

This issue pertains to Forest Department.

Point No. 19 (vi): To review the usefulness of existing arrangement of AAJVS meant to protect the Primitive Tribal Groups of ANI and setting up of the Jarawa Tribal Development Authority.

The issue was taken up in the meeting to discuss implementation of Jarawa policy held on 11-5-2009 under the Chairmanship of Secretary of Govt. Of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and it was decided to restructured the AAJVS with the inputs from those who have experience in working with tribals in the A & N Islands so that AAJVS is able not only to function like a trustee is the interest of jarawa (enlarged to cover all other PTGs) and also to advise administration regarding protection and welfare of the aboriginal tribes including jarawa. Establishment of Jarawa Tribal Development Authority was not considered necessary.