

the Jarawa Policy remains dynamic and takes into account the changing needs and circumstances, (ii) To examine the recommendations of the Babu Committee and suggest specific measures for implementation, including measures relating to empowerment of Jarawas through education as well as increasing the food resource base of the Jarawa Reserve area and (iii) To come up with a strategy for empowerment of the Jarawas to negotiate the modern world with confidence, without losing their vitality and cultural identity, as has been successfully achieved with the Nicobari Tribe.

As regards to the report of the Sub-Group of experts on the Jarawa Tribe of Andaman islands submitted to Planning Commission in 2006 co-authored by Dr. Syeda Hameed, the A&N Administration has submitted its comments on the report in September 2006. The proposal to form a separate Jarawa Tribal Development Authority (JTDA) to monitor, suggest and review contacts with the Jarawas has not been agreed by the Administration on the ground that AAJVS and its Executive Council is having a similar composition and tasks. (A copy of Administration's comments is attached at **Annexure - III**). This issue was again taken up in the meeting to discuss implementation of Jarawa Policy held on 11-5-2009 under the Chairmanship of Secretary to GOI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and it was decided to restructure the AAJVS. It was also decided that there is no need for a Jarawa Tribal Development Authority as it would duplicate the work already done by AAJVS and Tribal Welfare Department of the UT Administration. (Copy of minutes is attached at **Annexure-IV**)

Administration is in the process to restructure and revamp the AAJVS based on manpower study report prepared for the Administration by the National Productivity Council (NPC), Kolkata in May 2010.