

and with proper police escorts. Status needs to be updated in terms of intimating the impact of police escorts in this regard and to what extent incidences of harassment of the Jarawas have been reduced. Status may also be updated if any study or evaluation has been undertaken to assess the before and after scenario in respect of the above.

(3) Alternate Sea Route

In the Meeting held on 11.05.2009 at Port Blair, under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, it was decided that a Project Report on alternate sea route(s) to Baratang would be prepared by Secretary (Shipping), Andaman & Nicobar Administration within 6 months and these would be submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Tribal Affairs for funding. Status needs to be updated.

(4) Strengthening the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) vis-à-vis Jarawa Tribal Dev. Authority (JTDA)

With respect to the recommendation made by Dr. Syeda Hameed Report to establish JTDA, it was decided in the meeting held by Secretary, Tribal Affairs on 11th May, 2009 at Port Blair to revive, strengthen and reconstitute the General Body and Executive Council of AAJVS under the Lt. Governor, ANI and Chief Secretary, ANI, respectively. The meetings of these bodies were to be scheduled so as to enable all the outstation Members to participate. In compliance of this decision, it is not clear if any meeting of AAJVS has been held so far. Status needs to be updated.

Dr. Syeda Hameed Report had also recommended that proper sensitization training for other contact staff, with special focus on Jarawas, should also find place in the restructuring of AAJVS. It was suggested that a sensitization training should be organized at regular intervals through professional national institutions like ASI, involving the ICMR and others. Status needs to be updated.