

(3) Alternative Sea Route-

In the meeting held on 11/5/2009 at Port Blair, under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, it was decided that a project report on alternative sea route (s) to Baratang would be prepared by Secretary (Shipping), A&N 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 Development Authority (JTDA) :-

With respect to the recommendation made by Dr. Syeda Hameed Report to establish, it was decided on the meeting held 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 respectively. The meetings of these bodies were scheduled so as to enable all the outstation members to participate. In compliance of this decision, it is not clear if any meeting of the 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 ICMR and others. Status needs to be updated.

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The Administration deputed WAPCOS to prepare a detailed report which was submitted on August 10, however it was not found upto the mark and the A&N Administration did an in house analysis for an alternate shipping route between Port Blair and Baratang Island and further to Middle and North Andamans to reduce/cuttail the traffic on ATR. As per the preliminary report of Shipping Department, the estimated financial implication is about Rs 130-135 crores in jetties, improving navigational channels etc. The report is being finalized by the Administration and the same will be sent to the concerned Ministries shortly.

Executive Council & General Body meeting of AAJVS was held on 12/08/2010 at Raj Niwas to review Plan and Policies formulated for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribes (PTGs).

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 which has made following main recommendations:-

- 1) Reconstitution of the Executive Council and General body of AAJVS by inducing Experts / Anthropologists
- 2) Reconstitution of the Organizational setup of AAJVS
- 3) Re-designating the varieties of posts with suitable designations
- 4) Amending the Recruitment Rules

Based on the report of the NPC, Kolkata, AAJVS has proposed to appoint Anthropologists against the post of Executive Secretary and Development Officer. All the Group D employees are to be re-designated as Multi-Skilled Field Attendants. The Executive Council and general Body of AAJVS is also proposed to be reconstituted with inclusion of experts. The proposal is under scrutiny of A & N Administration and once necessary approval are obtained, re-structuring will be done.

Sensitization camp was organized during November, 2009 and May, 2010 to train and re-orient the employees of AAJVS posted in the Jarawa Reserve Area. Experts from Anthropological Survey of India and Health Services participated in the programme.

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