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other subject matter experts in order to increase their skills in interacting, understanding, handling and dealing with the heritage PTGs.

Secretary, TW A&NI Administration lamented that a research scholar from JNU has undertaken the study on the Codification of the Jarawa language but the report, in spite of requests, has not been received. JS, MHA emphasized that the default may be taken up with the JNU authorities and in future, such studies, besides getting the approval of Ministry of Home Affairs/Tribal Affairs, should be allowed only on the condition of time bound sharing with the ANI Administration.

Secy (TA) was of the opinion that research on these vulnerable PTGs must be undertaken by reputed organizations/scholars who already possess the skills for sensitive interaction, and will not do so primarily for individual career advancement. As per present instructions, research proposals need the clearance of the MoTA, but if a multi-disciplinary body is set up by the A&NI Administration, involving the MoTA and the MHA, then there may not be any problem delegating this responsibility to them.

Based on these discussions, the following decisions were taken:

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1. Chief Secretary agreed that a project report on alternate sea route(s) to Baratang would be prepared by the Secretary (Shipping), A&NI Administration within 6 months and submitted to Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Tribal Affairs for funding.