

No. 1-505/2009-TW/162  
**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**  
**Directorate of Tribal Welfare**  
Secretariat Complex, Port Blair - 744 101

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Port Blair, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2010

To

The Evaluation Officer,  
A & N Administration,  
Port Blair.

**Sub:- Submission of present status of 12<sup>th</sup> IDA meeting held on 19-1-2009 at New Delhi - reg**

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 3-4(104/2008-09/IDA/Vol-V dtd. 10-3-2010 regarding the subject mentioned above.

The present status of the issues pertaining to Tribal Welfare Department 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 and 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. 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 restructure the AAJVS with the inputs from those who have experience in working with tribals in