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PUC is the letter No. 3-4(104)/2008-09/IDA/Vol.VII dated 9.7.2010 from the Asst. Secretary (Plg.), A & N Administration addressed among others to the Secretary (TW), A & N Administration regarding submission of status / action taken report of the various issues discussed in the 12<sup>th</sup> IDA meeting held on 19.1.2009 at New Delhi. They have requested this Administration to submit the present status/action taken report of the issues pertaining this Tribal Welfare Department as on 30.6.2010 to the Planning department, Secretariat.

The present status of the issue pertaining to Tribal Welfare department is furnished as under:

Point No. 19(iv): **Sixth Schedule status to Tribals of Nicobar Group of Islands:**

The A & N Islands are not covered under the sixth schedule of the Constitution.

The A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 promulgated by the President under article 240 of the Constitution of India has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II-Section 1 No. 56 dated 31.12.2009. Now it has been republished in the A & N Gazette for the information of the general public.

Point No. 19(vi): **To review the usefulness of existing arrangement of AAJVS meant to protect the PTGs of ANI and setting up of the Jarawa Tribal Development Authority:**

It was decided in the meeting held on 11.5.2009 at Port Blair that there is no need for a JTDA as it would duplicate the work already done by AAJVS and Tribal Welfare Department of the UT Administration.

Further as decided in the Executive Council Meeting of AAJVS held on 12.8.2009 at Raj Niwas, the National Productivity Council, Kolkata was entrusted to undertake a man power study to revamp AAJVS. The report/recommendation of the NPC has been received and the same is under examination in the A & N Administration.

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