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**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE RAB HELD
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY (TW) ON
11/05/2015 AT 11.00 AM. AT VAN SADAN, PORT BLAIR**

(1) The list of members of RAB and others present in the meeting is enclosed.

(2) The Secretary (TW) welcomed the members and other invitees in the meeting and reviewed the progress of the ongoing research/other projects undertaken by the Department and ANTRI for welfare of the Tribal communities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(3) The projects / issues were discussed in detail and the decisions recorded were as under:-

(I) Kangapo Project for Jarawas:

(4) Prof. Pandya proposed that the sale price of basket and honey container made by the Jarawas be fixed at Rs 2500/- and Rs 4500/- per piece respectively and suggested that the articles be packed in the already approved carry-bags for their sale through Government Emporia of the Directorate of Industries and Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) at Port Blair. (ii) It was also suggested that AAJVS shall maintain a separate account of the artifacts and their sale proceeds which shall be utilized for purchase of carry bags, cotton kangapoo for the men and women of Jarawa community in exchange. (iii) It was further suggested that the Director of Tourism be requested to include in their brochures about the details and availability of such articles for information of the tourists for showcasing the craftsmanship of the tribals for promotion of sale of such article.

(5) After detailed discussion it was decided that a formal proposal to this effect be put up by the Executive Secretary, AAJVS before the competent authority for its consideration and approval

(II) Ang Katha :

(6) Prof. Pandya informed that the pages from the Ang katha be got laminated by the AAJVS so that they do not get damaged while being used in the forest areas and suggested that the Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala be assigned the task of lamination and making sufficient copies for the use of Jarawa community. He also suggested that the Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala must visit the hotspots once a week to oversee the schooling of Jarawa children and he should be provided with a Laptop without internet facility for facilitating the learning process by the Jarawas.