Minutes of the meeting held in the chamber of the Secretary (TW) on 08/10/99 at 1000 hrs. to finalise the project report in connection with tackling the Jarawa problems.

The following were present: -

- 1. Shri N. C. Ray, Secretary (TW)
- 2. Shri Ujjwal Mishra, S. P. (D)
- 3. Shri Tarun Coomar, DCF (HQ)
- 4. Dr. Shafiq Qadir, Dy. Director (Tribal Health)
- 5. Shri A. L. Singh, Research Officer (TW)
- 6. Shri Som Naidu, Executive Secretary, AAJVS

The Forest Department has already prepared a lay out plan as well as the estimate for the staging posts to be set up. It was decided that some modifications are required to be made on the lay out plan. It was also decided that the staging point will be established in natural environment where the Jarawas would be visiting whenever they required. There must be no restriction on their entry and exit. The Forest Department will submit their estimate and lay out plan accordingly.

It has been informed by the Executive Secretary, AAJVS that the Shipping Department is going to replace the vessel M.V.Milale with a new vessel which will be procured by them under the Tribal Sub-Plan. In view of that it has been suggested that instead of having a floating hospital, necessary provision for medical facilities for the primitive tribes including Jarawas may be made in the new vessel. In has also been suggested that the infra structure facilities available at Kadamtala, Tushnabad and Baratang are not enough and there are no separate arrangement for the Jarawa patients. In view of that it has been suggested that necessary infra structure facilities may be provided in these localities so that the Jarawas can be treated separately.

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Port Blair, Thursday, October 14, 1999

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the following: -

- 1. Superintendent of Police. (D), Andamans.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A & N Islands.