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Chief Secretary, A&N Administration inform to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor through fax message while he was camping at New Delhi vide No. 36-1/99-RC/572 dated 30.8.99 inform that the Ministry like to know about Project which will be extended to the Administration for the Welfare of the Jarawa. During the visit of Secretary to GOI, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to A & N Islands from 16th to 19th September'99, the issue regarding establishment of Staging Post at the four places has come up for discussion during the meeting at the Secretariat Conference Hall on 17th September'99. It was decided in the meting to submit a Project for establishment of Staging Post for the protection of Jarawas to the Ministry for the sanction of necessary fund required for the Project. Copy of the Signal is placed in the tile at Page 121c.

The decision to establish the Staging Post was taken in the meeting held at Raj Niwas, Port Blair on 4.3.99 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands. The decision to construct the Staging Post was taken keeping in view of the change Jarawa situation after 1998 when number of Jarawas started coming to non-tribal villages and along side the Andaman Trunk Road.

It was decided that four Staging Post will be constructed at Tirur, Potatang, Middle Strait and Kadamtala. These Staging Post will have Social Worker, Health Worker, Police Guard Communication, Teacher and Forester. In order to prevent the uncontrolled mixing of Jarawas with the non-tribal peoples the staff stationed in each Staging Post will picked the Jarawas from the nontribal areas and from the roads, bring them to Staging Post and will send them back to their habitats. It was also decided that each Staging Post shall have a mini truck with cover, collapsible benches and communication equipment like VHF and hand set for establishing communication. If the Jarawa tribe is found to be suffering from any ailment health coverage will be extended from the staging point instead bringing the tribe to the hospital for treatment and causing harm to him by way of getting new diseases of the non-tribal people. The teacher posted in the Staging Post will try to impart informal education to the tribes so that the tribe could understand and absorb the cultural shock of the civilized society. Accordingly, a Project was prepared titled- "Establishment of Post for the Protection of Jarawa - Procurement of vehicle and communication equipment".

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