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Dear Shri Mohanty

Kindly refer to your Fax Message No. 20018/1/99-TRDRME dated 10th March, 1999 referring to the conversation between the Secretary of the Ministry and our Chief Secretary on 09th March, 1999, requesting for a factual report regarding the Jarawa, Sentinelese and Onge people of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. As requested a detailed factual note is enclosed. I am further directed to categorically state that the reports alleging imposition of urbanisation on the aboriginal tribes of these Islands emanating from different countries are baseless and misleading. The enclosed factual note clarifies the correct position.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

Encl. : A/A

Sd/-
(N. C. Ray)

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Copy together with a copy of the Factual Note on the indigenous tribal people of the Union Territory of A & N Islands with special reference to the Onges, Sentinelese and Jarawas is forwarded to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi - 1 for information.

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Fax copy also submitted to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Environment, Shastri Bhawan, Govt. of India, New Delhi for kind information.

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