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PUC is a representation of Shri T. Thangaswamy, State Secretary, CPI, A&N State Council addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Home Minister and copy enclosed to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A & N Islands regarding problems facing by Jarawas. <sup>(Page 217 to 219/c)</sup> Comments on the representation furnished as under: -

1. Jarawas are one of the five primitive tribes of these Islands. It is a fact that in the past the Jarawas were hostile and used attack people but now they have become friendly. It is also a fact that when they were hostile, Bush Police Camps (JPP) were set up in Jarawa areas to protect the civilians.
2. When the Jarawas were hostile the Bush Police personnel used to exercise patrolling in the Jarawa areas to protect the lives of civilians. But the contention that police forced to push back the Jarawas to seashore from their habitat is not based on facts as the same is not on the basis of any study. Usually the Jarawas spend more time on seashore for fishing.
3. Whenever Burmese poachers enter in the territory the Police either arrest them. The factual report about the statement that they kill Jarawas, destroy their hutment, destroy forests, take away costly timbers etc. are to ascertained from the Police Department.
4. It is a fact that one Jarawa boy Shri Enmei had met an accident at Kadamtala during 1995 and sustained compound leg fracture. He was left behind by his companions. He was traced and brought to GB Pant hospital and after his treatment he was sent back to his habitat (Lakra Lungta). It is also a fact that due to his attempt the Jarawas became friendly with civilians and they gave up their hostility. But the statement that Shri Enmei is working as Home Guard at Kadamtala Police Station is totally baseless and incorrect.
5. In respect of para - 5, it is stated that Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti formed on 25/03/1976 to take care of the primitive tribes and since then the Samiti has been taking all efforts for the welfare and betterment of the primitive tribes. The contention that the food items are not given to Jarawas regularly is totally incorrect. When the Jarawas were not coming to the villages, the Jarawa contact expedition team used to contact the Jarawas in short intervals to provide them