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No. 11-6/Genl./AAJVS/TW-98/  
OFFICE OF THE ANDAMAN ADIM JANJATI VIKAS SAMITI  
PORT BLAIR

Port Blair, Dated the February 1999.

To,

The Desk Officer (ANL),  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Govt. of India,  
New Delhi.

Sub : - Problems faced by Jarawas (Aboriginal tribes of Andamans - Intervention of Govt. of India demanded - reg.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. U-13025/5/99-ANL dated 01<sup>st</sup> February 1999 alongwith the copy of the representation of the State Secretary, CPI dated 21/12/98 addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Hon'ble Home Minister of India on the subject cited above, comments on the issues raised by the State Secretary, CPI, Port Blair are furnished as under : -

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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 <sup>to</sup> 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.