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To
The Lt Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Raj Niwas
Port Blair



Sub: Kidnapping of Jarawa Girls, Regarding.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor

I am writing this letter voicing the concerns of the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands against the gruesome heinous crime against eight Jarawa girls that was recently reported in the newspapers. It was also reported in the newspaper that similar incidences of sexual exploitation of Jarawa girls have been reported earlier as well.

As reported, there was an incident of kidnapping of eight Jarawa girls by eight persons. These incidents are very unfortunate, particularly at the time when the President of India inaugurated A&N Tribal Research and Training Institute (ANTRI) in Port Blair for the promotion and protection of aboriginal tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

We believe that the investigation on the present incident of kidnapping of Jarawa girls has some loopholes and the Police and Investigating Officers need to be more stringent and focused to book the culprits and ensure their conviction in order to achieve the purpose of saving the Jarawa tribe from any kind of discrimination and atrocities.

As we have come to know from news reports, the offenders have not been booked under the correct provisions of the law. The section of IPC under which these offenders are booked, are very soft in wake of the gravity of the heinous crime committed by them. We, therefore request you to please ensure that the offenders are booked under the correct provisions of the law and the case is properly and efficiently investigated and prosecuted.

We also expect from ANI Administration to at least take notice to following issues and concerns for bringing justice to Jarawa Tribe and especially to women:

- Section 354 IPC needs to be added in the FIR against the Accused.
- Section 376 IPC should be added, if the offence is confirmed after the examination of victims.