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May kindly peruse the notes on pre-pages. It is regarding proposals submitted by Prof.V.Pandaya, Honorary Director, ANTRI and Member of Research Advisory Board of ANTRI – namely “Grains for gains among Angs at Anaholey Chaddas.”

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He has proposed for the supply of food grains to Jarawas in the Schools started in the Jarawa areas. Prof. V.Pandaya has stated that from November,2014 till March,2015 in the classes (at least twice a week) in three places in the Jarawa areas an attendance of an average of 80 children in the age group of 5-15 has been recorded. The proposal suggests to provide limited quantity i.e. 1.5 KG of rice every 15 days twice in a month. It would be given to the mother or aunt of the school attending child only, and will be disturbed by the Jarawa teen-agers in the school. The quantity has been suggested purposefully low so as to not to make a complete rice dependency among the Jarawas.

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Prof. V. Pandaya has further noted in his proposal that the outsiders give rice to the Jarawas so that they could enter illegally and carryout poaching activities under the protection of Jarawas. This has created rice as power tool of influence that is further given out by the Jarawas among themselves. Given this trend it is imperative to counter the role of outsiders and their rice.

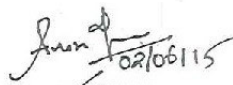
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The suggestion of Prof. V. Pandaya is to be seen in the light of the existing Policy for the welfare of the Jarawas of Andaman Islands. A Policy on the Jarawa tribe has been notified in December,2004 by the Central Govt. and A & N Administration. Copy of the Policy may be seen at page 1 to 4/cor. The Jarawas Policy provides various measures for the well being of the Jarawas the relevant paras in the context of the proposal of supply of rice to Jarawas are quoted below:-

“To conserve the ecology and environment of the Jarawa reserve territory and strengthen support system in order to enable the Jarawas pursue their traditional modes of subsistence and way of life” vide para II and sub para (v) of the Jarawa Policy.

“The quality of intervention with Jarawas will be managed with care and sensitivity through suitably trained and reoriented personnel, in consultation with and evaluation by Anthropologists and Experts. The object will be to avoid dependency syndrome and to ensure their development as a vibrant social group”vide para III (I) (c) of the Jarawa Policy.

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In the wake of the prevailing Policy prescription, the advice of the Central Government i.e Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs to introduce the supply of rice to the Jarawas through the school going children would be required.

Submitted please.

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