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> सेट जोवन, दिनांक Port Blair, the 13th July, 1988.

Dear Surg. Commander Nagra,

As you are aware, Dr.IC Verma, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, who has, under I.D.A., taken up an Action Oriented Research Project on the health problems of the primitive tribes of these Islands, has submitted his report and I am told by Mr.VRU Menon, the Executive Secretary of the AAJVS that a copy of the report is already available with you. Dr.Verma has reported that a number of persons among the tribal groups are suffering from TB and VD, on which the Chief Secretary has observed as under:

"There are reports that a number of persons among the tribal groups are suffering from TB/VD whereas our local team of Doctors has not been able to identify many cases. The Medical Experts Team under Dr.IC Verma has, however, come to certain conclusions which would be carefully seen and a properly constituted Medical Team should verify the facts stated in the report of Dr.IC Verma and take remedial action for each member of the Tribal Groups by opening individual files on the subject".

It is, therefore, requested that you may like to constitute a Team of Medical Experts available in your department to examine the position and have a report for the information of the Chief Secretary/Lt.Governor and for

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