

In that view of the matter, we extend time to file report in terms of the court's order dated 9th April, 2001 by 12 months from 10th of September, 2001. We hope and expect that the Committee would devise the scheme to better the life of Jarawa Community keeping and maintaining their own tradition.

The Committee so constituted by the Government is requested to file an interim report before the Circuit Bench to be held in the month of April, 2002 indicating therein as to what progress the Committee has made in terms of the order of this court dated 9th April, 2000 until 31st March, 2002".

3. The copy of the order dated 3 / 12 /2001 of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta, Circuit Bench at Port Blair is annexed hereto and marked as Annexure-I

4. Your humble Petitioner states further in this connection that the Hon'ble High Court in their order dated 09th April 2001 has been pleased to direct that the said Committee shall undertake their aforesaid research, scientific study and survey in the manner such Experts will obviously feel fit and proper for the purpose, but suggestion from this Court is in view of the situation which is now being faced by the Administration at this stage, such survey, study and research should also be made by such Experts by going inside the Jarawa territory, after themselves being properly inoculated, and by establishing contact with the Jarawas for ascertaining their views, if possible.

5. Your humble Petitioner submits that the Expert Committee so appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India met on 10/09/2001, 06/11/2001, 29/01/2002 and 18/03/2002. During these meetings, the Expert Committee discussed and deliberated on the various issues relating to the Jarawas on which study / research is required to be conducted and to submit the report to the Hon'ble High Court in pursuance of their orders. The Expert Committee decided to send three Multi-disciplinary Research teams to conduct the survey among the Jarawas to collect the scientific data / information on the various aspects like health, nutrition, natural resource base available to the Jarawas in the forests, culture and behaviour of the Jarawas.

6. Your humble petitioner states that these multi-disciplinary teams are scheduled to conduct the survey on the Jarawas in three major seasons of a year i.e. post monsoon period, summer period and monsoon period. Further the multi-disciplinary research team shall cover all the groups / bands of Jarawas as far as possible during each of the seasons in phases.

7. Your humble petitioner states that the research survey to cover the post-monsoon period was conducted during December 2001 to January 2002. The Scientific Data has been collected and the same is being analyzed. The Expert Committee deliberated threadbare on 17/03/2002 and 18/03/2002 on the data collected by the survey teams. The information on