

(CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION)
C.O.NO. 48 OF 1999

Miss Shymali Ganguly - Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Others - Respondents

AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT NO. 3.

I, S.A. Awaradi S/o A.S. Awaradi, aged about 46 years R/o Port Blair by Nationality Indian and by occupation Government service, presently holding the post of Director (TW) am authorized by respondents to make, sign, and file this affidavit on behalf of the respondents.

begs to
2. Your humble Petitioner states that Hon'ble High Court was pleased to note through their order dated 03 /12 /2001 as under-

...."that it has been brought on record that the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs by a Notification dated 12th July, 2001 has constituted a Committee as was directed by this court by its order passed in the instant matter on 9th April, 2001. It has further been brought on record that the Committee so constituted held their first sitting on 10th September, 2001 and there upon devised the scheme of going into the matter in terms of the directions given by this court. Steps have been taken to comply with the court's order and to find out the ways and means to improve upon the habitat of Jarawa Community. The Committee has opined that it would take about a year's time to complete the study. The Committee feels that unless the Community is observed for one year, vis-à-vis the change in climate, it would not be in a position to give proper recommendations beneficial to Jarawa Community. The Committee has prayed for 12 months time to file their report giving necessary suggestions for improving the quality of life of Jarawa Community from 10th September, 2001. We feel that this is a reasonable request and for making a proper study, according to us, would require as much time.

In that view of the matter, we extended 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.