

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, 2001 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, therefore, in this context submits in the following paragraphs the progress made by the Expert Committee on Jarawas and certain prayers before this Hon'ble High Court to enable the Expert Committee to comply the orders of the Hon'ble High Court.

5. Your humble Petitioner states further in this connection that the Hon'ble High Court in their order dated 09th April 2001 have directed that the said Committee shall undertake the research, scientific study and survey in the manner such Experts will obviously feel fit and proper for the purpose, but suggestion from the 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.

6. Your humble petitioner states that in pursuance of the order dated 9th April, 2001 of Hon'ble High Court, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India have notified the Committee of the Experts on 12th July, 2001, wherein the Committee has been enjoined the task of undertaking a scientific study, research and survey to find out the cause of change in the behaviour of the Jarawas as mentioned in the aforesaid order of the Hon'ble High Court. Further the Government of India through their above said notification have assigned the responsibility to suggest remedial measure to enable the Central Government and the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to formulate plans and programme to save Jarawas from the danger of total extinction or of loosing their identity and culture by merger with the vast humanity of the so called civilized society. Still further the Hon'ble High Court was pleased through their order dated 3.12.2001 expressed their hope and expectation that the Expert Committee would devise the scheme to better the life of Jarawa community keeping and maintain their own tradition.

7. Your humble petitioner submits that the Hon'ble High Court was pleased to observe through their order dated 9.4.2001 that it will be necessary to find out the cause of sudden change of the behavior of the Jarawas and further the Hon'ble High Court have directed to ascertain whether such change of behavior is really the expression of (i)