

firm conclusion about the behaviour and other aspects of the Jarawas. To undertake such studies it was suggested to constitute three sets of multi-disciplinary Composite Groups on the following aspects of the Jarawas. (i) The resources available for Jarawas (ii) Health and Nutrition of Jarawas. (iii) Culture and behavior of Jarawas. Further the highest Experts in the concerned fields would be consulted in designing methodology of the study to be undertaken by the above said Composite Groups.

14. Your humble <sup>petitioner</sup> submits that the Expert Committee while taking a cue from the recently started practice of treating Jarawa patients with usual drugs, was of the opinion that administering allopathic medicine among the Jarawas without proper study may possibly cause more harm in the long run as it is likely to adversely affect their immunity system. Therefore, steps are to be taken to consult experts in the field of Medical research and to formulate the regime of medicines, which could be administered to the Jarawas, keeping in view their environment, present level of interaction by others with Jarawas.

15. Your humble petitioner <sup>submits</sup> states that Lt. Governor, A&N Islands in pursuance of suggestion / decision of the Expert Committee which met on the 10.9.2001 requested Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, an apex and well known National level Research Organization, to take up medical Research and drug regime study among Jarawas.

16. In response to the request, the Director General ICMR suggested a six member high level medical team so that the directives of Hon'ble Court could be complied with.

17. The copy of the D.O. letter of Director General, ICMR addressed to the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands is annexed herewith and marked as Annexure - II.

18. Your humble petitioner <sup>submits</sup> states that three multi-disciplinary Composite Groups were constituted involving the technical persons in the respective fields like anthropology, health, nutrition, botany, forestry and zoology. The Members of the Composite Groups were trained on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2001 by the Experts in the respective fields at Port Blair in the presence of some Members of the Expert Committee including Shri K.B. Saxena and Shri S.A. Awaradi. The team members who had not visited Jarawas were sent to Jarawa areas for their initial familiarization of the field situation on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2001.

19. Your humble petitioner <sup>for the submitts</sup> states that the questionnaires were devised by the respective experts in the field of Anthropology, Health, Nutrition, Botany, Forestry and Zoology. These questionnaires were used to collect the scientific information during the survey among the