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It appears from the copy of order dated 3.12.2001 of Hon'ble High Court (Annexure I of the Affidavit) that the Committee so constituted by the Government should file an interim report before the Circuit bench of Hon'ble High Court to be held in April, 2002. As there was no sitting of Circuit bench in April 2002, it can be filed before the Circuit bench in its sitting at Port Blair in May, 2002. (from 13th May to 27th May, 2002). It is not clear why instead of filing said interim report of Committee an affidavit shown by Director(TW) is going to be filed. There was no direction of filing any such affidavit by Hon'ble Court. Again said affidavit is also no substitute to the interim report to be submitted by the Expert Committee.

In view of the above I think it will be better if an interim report of the Expert Committee is filed before the Hon'ble Court as desired by Hon'ble Court vide order dated 3.12.2002. 2001.

Submitted please.

(TK Gupta)
Secretary(Judl.)

Chief Secretary

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