

(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 EXPERT  
COMMITTEE ON JARAWAS AND A & N ADMINISTRATION.**

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 of Tribal Welfare in A & N Administration and one of the Members of the Expert Committee on Jarawas and authorized by the Expert Committee notified by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in pursuance of the Order of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta and A & N Administration to make, sign, and file this affidavit and an interim report before the Hon'ble High Court as per the directions contained in the Order dated 3.12.2001 of this Hon'ble High Court on behalf of the said respondent Committee and A & N Administration ( Minutes of the Expert Committee on Jarawas which met on 05.04.2002 and the note recording the discussion between S.A. Awaradi and other members of the Expert Committee are annexed and marked as Annexure - V & VI ).

2. Your humble Petitioner begs to 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 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2001 has constituted a Committee as was directed by this court by its order passed in the instant matter on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2001. It has further been brought on record that the Committee so constituted held their first sitting on 10<sup>th</sup> 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