

phase of multi-disciplinary survey among the Jarawas has started on 12th April 2002.

27. Your Humble Petitioner still further submits that analysis of the scientific data collected in course of first phase of survey during December 2001-January 2002 in respect of health indicates that it is essential to apply the standards / norms / scientific indices specific to the unique community like Jarawas to understand the status of health and nutrition. Application of norms / standard worked out for general communities *ipso facto* is likely to lead to wrong conclusions. Therefore, the recommendations and measures for the betterment of Jarawas based on such erroneous conclusion / findings would be lopsided and the measures if executed would prove harmful to the life and existence of the Jarawas. Such intervention into the life of hitherto isolated self-sustaining vibrant indigenous community of Jarawas though well intended would be a disaster. Therefore, it is indispensable that measures that are suggested for the well-being of Jarawas should be foolproof well thought of and developed after rigorous application of latest techniques.

28. Your humble petitioner states that the Expert Committee strongly feels that the standards worked out for the community like Jarawas be applied to come to a right conclusion and formulation of proper measures for the welfare of the Jarawas. Such standards are worked out by the professional research organizations. In this connection the Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research a national level professional research organization - has agreed to take up the research work among the Jarawas on the request of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. A team of high level scientists have already been constituted by the Director General, ICMR to study the Jarawas. A&N Administration has further requested the Director General, ICMR to take up the Research on health issues in the light of the discussions of the Expert Committee on the Jarawas. A copy of the minutes of the Expert Committee has also been sent to Director General, ICMR to enable him to take up the research accordingly. As such the Expert Committee is of the opinion that the findings of ICMR could be studied carefully and thereafter make its recommendations for the welfare of the Jarawas.

29. Your Humble Petitioner submits that your Hon'ble Court be pleased to permit the Expert Committee to make use of research findings of the Indian Council of Medical Research before submitting its report to the Hon'ble High Court and the Government of India.

30. Your humble petitioner states that on the ground that it is essential to apply the standards / norms / scientific indices specific to the unique community like Jarawas to understand the status of health and nutrition, application of norms / standard worked out for general communities *ipso facto* is likely to lead to wrong conclusions. As such the recommendations and measures for the betterment of Jarawas based