

Minutes of the meeting of the Expert Committee on Jarawas under the Convenorship of Hon'ble Lt Governor held on 29.1.2002 at 3.PM at Raj Niwas, Port Blair.

- 1 The list of the participants in the meeting is annexed.
- 2 Hon'ble LG was informed that other members of the Expert Committee have held discussions with officers of composite team on 28th and 29th Jan 02 with a view to review the progress of the work.
- 3 The position emanating from the discussions are summed up below:-
 - 3.1 The designated officers and members of the composite team were given proper training and thorough briefing in the presence of some members of the Expert Committee.
 - 3.2 The composite teams were asked to camp in the Jarawa area together and all the required logistics for that purpose were made available.
 - 3.3 They were asked to record the observations faithfully and scientifically as per the questionnaire, maintain a daily diary and submit weekly reports which would contain general information about the area, location of the Jarawa band, number of Jarawas, Male / Female and other important general observations.
 - 3.4 The members of the composite groups were given written orders and an illustrative list of **Do's and Don'ts** in respect of their behaviour as long as they are in the Jarawas area.
 - 3.5 While the AnSI and Forest staff which formed part of the composite team stayed in the field for about one month, the other members of the team returned after completion of the work as per their own assessment.
 - 3.6 The Health and Nutrition aspect could not be carried out in respect of Tirur Jarawas as the concerned team members were not associated in the efforts to locate the Jarawas. It may be stated here that attempts to contact Jarawas initially failed and could succeed only much later.
 - 3.7 The Members of the Expert Committee felt that it was desirable to collect the information / data on Jarawa from Tirur area for post