

The matter in question was discussed with the Director (Tribal Welfare) in my Chamber on 7-5-2002. During the course of our discussion, I have been informed by him that he is one of the Members of Expert Committee constituted as per the direction of Hon'ble High Court. The Director (Tribal Welfare) also informed me that he has been authorized by the other members of the Committee to file interim report before the Hon'ble Court as per its direction dated 3rd December 2001. From the order dated 3rd December 2001, it transpires that the committee so stated by the Government is required to file an interim report before this Circuit Bench, Port Blair in the month of April, 2001. In the month of April, 2002 there was no Circuit Bench at Port Blair. That is why as per the direction of the Hon'ble Court dated 3rd December 2001, the interim report of the Committee constituted by the Government should be submitted in the month of May before the Circuit Bench. The Affidavit in question does not reflect anything to the effect that the Director (Tribal Welfare) is one of the members of the expert committee and he has been authorized to submit the interim report before the Court on behalf of all the members of the Committee. As such the affidavit cannot be said to be in order.

Submitted please.

Wair for 08.05.02
Secretary (Law)
(In charge)

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