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P.U.C. is the letter No. 8-1754/99-Legal dated 10th May, 2002 of Deputy Secretary(Law), A&N Administration and enclosing a D.O. letter No. U-14040/24/99-ANL(Vol.-II) dated 2nd May, 2002 from Shri P.K. Jalali, Joint Secretary (UE), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India regarding the filing of affidavit in the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta in W.P.No.48 of 1999.

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The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs have sought a report as to whether interim report prepared by the Expert Committee on Jarawas has been filed in the High Court as per the directions of the Order dated 3.12.2001 of the High Court.

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Hon'ble High Court had directed the Expert Committee to file an interim report before the Circuit Bench to be held in the month of April, 2002 indicating there in as to what progress the Committee has made in terms of the Order of the Hon'ble High Court dated 9th April, 2001 until 31st March, 2002.

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This matter was discussed in the Expert Committee under the convenership of the Lt. Governor on 5.4.2002 at Raj Niwas. It was decided in the meeting that an affidavit shall be filed before the Hon'ble High Court indicating the progress made by the Committee so far. It was also discussed in the meeting that the draft integrated report prepared on the basis of first phase of the survey among the Jarawas is not to be filed as interim report since the data is incomplete.

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The required scientific data is to be collected during the second and third phases of the surveys among the Jarawas. Hence it was decided in the meeting that the Administration will file an affidavit indicating the progress made by the Expert Committee upto 31st March, 2002. It may be mentioned here that the case came up incidentally for hearing and the Hon'ble Court directed that a report of the Expert Committee be filed before the Court by 27.3.2002.