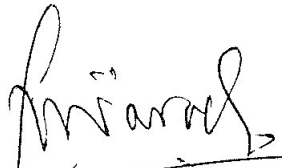


Further more , the Press i.e. Newspapers would not be the first forum for making the findings public. There are professional research journals in which such findings are normally published after the scientific scrutiny. In fact the findings and the report of the ICMR were required to be sent to the A&N Administration / Expert Committee on Jarawas.

As such it is not known to us under what circumstances Prof. S.C. Sehgal has gone to Press disclosing certain health issues of Jarawas with sensational touch. It is also not known as to whether Professor Sehgal has sought the permission from the competent authority i.e. Director General, ICMR to go to Press. Since the entire matter of welfare of the Jarawas which includes the health aspect is sub-judice in the Calcutta High Court in a Public Interest Litigation, going to Press by short circuiting is not desirable.

Still further, it is also not clear as to whether the report submitted by Prof. S.C. Sehgal to the Administration has been approved by the Chairman of the six Members Committee appointed by D.G., ICMR.

If approved we may write to D.G., ICMR and copy to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for their comments. Draft letter is placed opposite for perusal and approval. Before we write to Director General, ICMR, comments of Director Health Services could be obtained if approved.



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