District Andaman

IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA CIRCUIT BENCH SITTING AT PORT BLAIR

(CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION) C.O.NO. 48 OF 1999

Miss Shyamali Ganguly Versus

Petitioner

Union of India & Others

Respondents

AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENTS NO. 3.

I, S.A. Awaradi S/o A.S. Awaradi, aged about 45 years R/o Port Blair by Nationality Indian and by occupation Government service, presently holding the post of Director (TW) am authorized by respondents to make, sign, and file this affidavit on behalf of the respondents.

Your humble petitioner states that the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta in their judgment order dated 9.4.2001 in W.P.048 of 1999 Ms. Shyamali Ganguly-vs-Union of India and others was pleased to direct as under :-

"The Central Government through the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, within two months from the communication of this order shall form a Committee of Experts with the Lieutenant Governor, of these Islands as the Convenor comprising of renowned Anthropologists, sociologists, nutrition experts, Doctors, for immediate undertaking a scientific study, research and survey in the change in the behaviour of the Jarawas and to find out the cause of the same. The decision in this regard has to be taken by the Home Secretary and not by any of the Secretaries of the Home Department, in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor. Apart from including in the said Committee noted Anthropologists, Sociologists, Nutrition Experts, persons having acquaintance with the Jarawa language and with their behaviour and culture must also be included in the said Committee. Mr. Awaradi, who prepared the aforesaid Master Plan having already undertaken a detail work in respect thereof may also be included in the Committee on behalf of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. The said Committee shall undertake their aforesaid research, scientific study and survey in the manner such Experts will obviously feel will be fit and proper for the purpose, but suggestion from this Court is in view of the situation which is now being faced by the Administration at this stage, such survey and study and research should also be made by such