

Andaman and Nicobar Administration
Department of Tribal Welfare

Port Blair, dated the 21st June, 2001.

ORDER NO: 159

The Hon'ble Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court in its judgment dated 9th April, 2001 in the writ petition No. 048 of 1999, Miss Shyamaly Ganguly, Advocate - Vs-Union of India has directed that an Expert Committee with the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands as convenor, comprising of renowned Anthropologists, Sociologists, Nutrition Experts, Doctors be constituted for undertaking scientific study research & survey in the change in behaviour of Jaraws and to find out the cause of the same. The Expert Committee required to submit its report to the central Govt. within a period of six months from the date of its formation. Necessary proposal in this regard has been submitted to the Govt. of India by this Administration.

The Hon'ble High Court has further directed to implement the following immediate steps for the welfare of the Jarawas on war-footing.

- a) To stop poaching and intrusion in the Jarawa territory and prevent its further destruction by encroachment and deforestation.
- b) To issue appropriate notification clearly demarcating the Jarawa territory as far as possible.
- c) Until formulation of such policy not to make any new construction or extension thereof in the Jarawa territory and not to make any extension of the Andaman Trunk Road.
- d) To take appropriate and suitable measures to discourage the Jarawato come out in the open road for the purpose of accepting food, gift or otherwise and to educate the local people of the nearby village by holding frequent awareness camps, not to give foods, clothing and gifts explaining to them the danger of doing so and to teach them that Jarawas are not inferior but are different.
- e) To give them medical aids when they come out for the same only to the extent necessary and in the event one is required to be hospitalized, to segregate him totally from other patients by keeping him in a segregated area or ward.
- f) To undertake periodical programme to give medical aids to the Jarawas only to the extent it is necessary in their own territory so that they need not come out on the open for receiving the same.

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