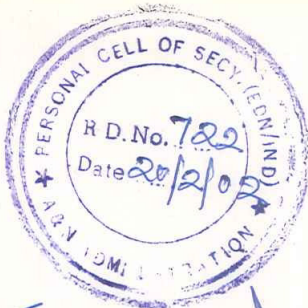


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Dear Dr. Jha,

With reference to the last meeting of the committee of the Jarawa tribe, I have the following suggestions to make for better functioning of the committee in future. I do hope this would be agreed to by other members.

- 1) As the convenor of the committee you have been holding meetings at regular intervals with all the members. However, on every occasion all of us (other members) have sat together prior to such meetings with the officers of the concerned government agencies including the A&N Administration to go into great detail of all preparatory measures with regard to planning of strategies and carrying out of the survey and also discussing the difficulties and constraints that each one felt. The consensus reached amongst all of us in these preliminary discussions has been conveyed in the meeting of the Committee, I suggest that this procedure may be formalised by the committee. From the next meeting it would be better if one of us gives a comprehensive resume of the entire progress made during preparatory discussions in the meeting convened by you. This resume will also be prepared in consultation with all the members in advance so that issues already sorted out in the preparatory discussions are not raised in the meeting.
- 2) It may be desirable to have only the members present during the meeting convened by you. The non-members and others who are involved in this survey/study could have the discussions in the preliminary meeting that we will have every time before this. The final meeting convened by you should only be amongst members notified by the Home Ministry.
- 3) With regards to the composite team which was agreed upon in our earlier meeting, I had discussions subsequent to the meeting on 29th January 2002 with the concerned persons and consultation with some members of the committee. Most of the problems have been sorted out. All the groups have agreed to go in a composite manner as envisaged in the earlier arrangement and support and help each other in every possible way to accomplish the assigned task with dedication. We should continue this