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No.14-62/Lep/TH/2002/ 896
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

Port Blair, dated the 17th April 2002

To

The Director of Health Services
A & N Administration
Port Blair

Sub:- Reply of memorandum - regarding.

Madam,

Kindly refer your confidential Memorandum No.DHS/PS.TW/2002/368 dated 16th April 2002 and to inform that the allegations of DHS that I am deliberately and intentionally avoiding to go to Jarawa survey is not correct and is baseless. In this connection my comments are furnished below: -

1. I was informed about my nomination as leader of the composite team no.1 for Jarawa Survey work vide DHS Order No.453 and 454 dated 7th Feb 2002. I am not aware of any order of Hon'ble High Court Calcutta in this regard.
2. I have not attended any training or any meeting in connection with Jarawa survey except on 4th April 2002 when DHS asked me to accompany her for a meeting. I did not receive any instructions/details of methods as stated by DHS. Further I have also not receive any training in this regard so far as given to other doctors who are being involved in the project since beginning.
3. My father, who is a case of Hemiplegia with Hypertension and Amnesia, recently developed breathing difficulty and anorexia and had to be put on IV drips to maintain the nutrition by me at home. And therefore my presence was very much essential.
4. I was in fact planning to avail leave to look after my father but being Deputy Director (Leprosy) I was committed to GOI Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to complete GOI's on going Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaign III in this Union Territories before 2nd May 2002 and so I was forced to defer my leave in the month of May 2002 so that I can complete this work before the stipulated date. Kindly see attached copy of GOI in this regard.
5. I have expressed my inability to proceed for Jarawa Survey work to Prof. Indira Chakraborty Prof. Director All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health Kolkata and Shri S.A.Awaradi Director (TW) on 4th April itself and both were convinced and they were of the opinion that the survey can be done by any doctor and they assured me to take up my case with DHS. I also brought my problem to DHS's notice by my letter No.14-62/Lep/TH/2002/856.