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Minutes of the meeting of the Expert Committee which met on 17.7.2002 at 11.00 AM at Raj Niwas, Port Blair.

1. The Members of Expert Committee and others who were present during the meeting is annexed to the minutes.
2. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor welcomed the members and others for the meeting and emphasized the need for making the assessment of the progress made after every phase of the survey among the Jarawas. Lt. Governor further asked the Secretary (TW) to give a brief account about the progress made in the study and preparation of the draft reports.
3. Shri Sanjiv Kumar, Secretary (TW) presented a brief account on the progress made by the survey teams during the second phase of scientific survey among the Jarawas. He further mentioned that Sectoral Departments were to submit their draft report on the basis of the second phase of survey among the Jarawas latest by **30th June, 2002** to Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair.
4. All Sectoral Departments did not send their reports. As such Anthropological Survey of India could compile the report submitted by (i) Botanical Survey of India, (ii) Forest Department, (iii) Zoological Survey of India and (iv) Director of Health Services by 12.7.2002. Compiled Report is placed. Professor Indira Chakravorthy, Director and Dean of All India Institute of Public Hygiene and Health has brought report on Nutrition now which will be incorporated by Anthropological Survey of India.
5. The Secretary (TW) further mentioned about news item carried by "The Telegraph" dated 11.7.2002 on the health situation of the Jarawas. It is a sensational news on the health aspect of the Jarawas. This news item has quoted Professor S.C. Sehgal, Director (RMRC), Port Blair as source. Secretary (TW) further mention that it is not clear as to how professor Sehgal has gone to Press. The report from ICMR was required to be given to the Administration / Expert Committee before it is published elsewhere.
6. The Secretary (TW) gave a summary account of the findings of the survey teams and suggested that the concerned officer of the Sectoral Departments could present further details about the finding of the survey teams.
7. Lt. Governor thereafter, asked Director (TW) to discuss about the results of preliminary deliberations on the previous day amongst the members of the Expert Committee and other issues related to Expert Committee including the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata and communications from the Ministry of Home Affairs etc.