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Port Blair, dated the 30th July, 2002

To,
The Director of Shipping Services,
A&N Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub: Sparing the services of a sea worthy vessel for the third phase of Jarawa study- Reg.

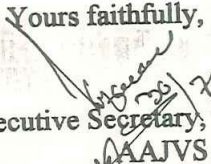
Sir,
I am directed to inform you that the A&N Administration is currently undertaking a phased study among the Jarawa in terms with a Writ Petition No:48 of 1999 filed in the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court.

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs had constituted an Expert Committee to frame and file an interim report before the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court. The Expert Committee had under taken a study among the Jarawa with the assistance of various departments from this Administration and Mainland. 1st and 2nd phase of study has been completed and the third phase of study is to commence from 10th of August 2002 for a period of one month.

In this connection you are requested to provide a seaworthy vessel to the research team from Port Blair to the Western Coast on 10.8.2002. The vessel would be required to anchor near Bada Balu area on Western Coast of South Andaman. The research teams will land on the coast using the lifeboats of the vessel as it was being done earlier by the contact expedition team using MV Tarmugli.

The research team after conducting the study of Jarawa in the forest in the day time would return to the vessel in anchor for the night stay on board. Next day the team will again proceed to Jarawa area. This system would continue for a period of one month or so.

Therefore, I am directed to request you to make a seaworthy vessel for the purpose of the study of the Jarawa in pursuance of the Order of the Hon'ble High Court Calcutta.

Yours faithfully,

Executive Secretary,
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