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A meeting was convened in the Chamber of Secretary (TW) on 11.10.2001 to review the progress made in the follow up action on the decisions taken by the Expert Committee which met on 10.9.2001 at Raj Niwas.

Dr (Mrs) Namita Ali, Director, Health Service, Dr.Tulsidasan, Deputy Director (Health), Shri Natial, DCF, Representative of PCCF, Shri P.V.Srikumar Botanical Survey of India , Dr.Chakroborthy of Anthropological Survey of India , Executive Secretary, AAJVS, and Director(TW) were present . Representative from Zoological Survey of India was absent. Since Secretary (TW) was pre -occupied with another meeting with the Hon'ble Lt.Governor and as desired by Secretary (TW) the informal discussion with the Officers present was carried out. The following is the gist of out comes of the said discussion.

Director of Health Service has informed that she has nominated three Doctors (1) Dr.S.S.Singh, Medical Specialist (2) Dr.R.Thulasidasan, Deputy Director (TH)/Pathologist (3) Dr.J.C.Das, Chief Medical Officer, & Nutritionist to be the members of Composite Groups scheduled to study the Jarawas on a continuous basis for a period of one year. DHS said that these three Doctors would take care of both aspects i.e. Health and Nutrition. She further stated that some Officers from Indian Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, Calcutta would come to Andaman twice or thrice to train and supervise the survey.

Director of Health Service was told that the decisions of the Expert Committee was to send the Composite Group to the Jarawa area for a longitudinal observation, in other words , all the members of the Composite Group will have to stay together in the Jarawa areas to conduct survey/ study. This was also emphasized by Dr. Chakraborty of Anthropological Survey of India .

DHS was of the view that the Doctors would not be able to study alongwith the other members of the Composite Group continuously through out the period of longitudinal study. She stated that the Doctors and Nutritionists are not required to keep observing the Jarawas continuously. This is not in conformity with the decisions