As decided by the Expert Committee in its last meeting held on 6.11.2001 the Compoiste Group will be proceeding to field on 10.12.2001. Prior to that the members of the Composite team are to be trained on the field methodology and also to use the questionnaire to collect the required information. It was also decided that the questionnaire will be prepared by the respective technical department like Zoological Survey of India and Botanical Survey of India.

As such, we may inform the Director of Zoological Survey of India and also to the Officer-in-Charge of the local office of Zoological Survey of India (similarly to Botanical Survey of India) to prepare the questionnaire immediately and send us the same.

They can further be informed about the schedule of training proposed to be imparted on the members of the Composite Group. In accordance with the decisions of the Expert Committee the Head of the Office of Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair has drawn up the training programme as under:

- (i) 3rd and 4th December 2001, first round of training.
- (ii) 5th and 6th December 2001, field testing of the questionnaire etc.

Accordingly we may inform the Zoological Survey of India and Botanical Survey of India about the programme also so that the officials reach Port Blair in time to get the training.

Draft letters are placed opposite for perusal and approval. Submitted for approval please.

Executive Secretary,

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