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As decided by the Expert Committee which met at Raj Nivas on 6.11.2001 the members of the Composite Groups are to be imparted training and the questionnaires are to be field tested before they proceed to field on 10th December 2001. The following schedule of training etc.:

- i) 3rd & 4th December 2001 - First round of training
- ii) 5th & 6th December 2001 - Pre-testing of questionnaires.
- iii) 10th December - Departure for field.

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In this context it may not be possible for the two officers of the said Institute to reach Port Blair on 3rd December 2001 by availing ship. As such, there is no other alternative to but arrange air travel for the said officers in the public interest.

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In accordance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta all the expenses related to the Expert Committee and related matters on the Jarawas will be met by the Central Government. As such, Hon'ble Lt. Governor may approve the air travel of the two officers of All India Institute of Public Health and Hygiene as per the schedule communicated by Prof. Chakraborty.

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A reference could be made to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and also to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India in this regard by the Administration.

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