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Dear Dr Alfred,

Kindly refer to my d.o.letter of even number dated 20th Nov 2001 and your letter No.216-4/96-99/Tech/14877 dt 19.11.01 regarding making available the services of three scientists from ZSI to conduct a detailed study on the animal resource base available to Jarawas in A&N Islands in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble High Court, Kolkata and Union Home Ministry.

I had informed you that the Survey Team will start its work from first week of Dec 2001. The training of the Composite Group has already started. Unfortunately, Shri PT Rajan, Zoological Assistant, who has been nominated by you to be part of Composite Group, refused to attend the training and has now expressed his inability to undertake the above study. Since the study is being conducted in pursuance of the directions of High Court/the Union Home Ministry, any slip up on this count can lead to problems. I thought, I must inform you the stand taken by Shri PT Rajan, for immediate rectification measures.

The Team has to move out on 10th Dec 2001 and all the members of Composite Group from various departments/agencies like Forest, BSI, Health, Nutrition, AnSI are in position except one member from Zoological Survey of India. A copy of letter dt 6.12.01 received from ZSI, Port Blair is enclosed.

In fact, in the training meeting held on 5th Dec 2001, the conduct of Dr DV Rao of ZSI, Port Blair had been that of non-cooperation and argumentative, which had created unpleasant situation. Finally he was requested to leave the training room to prevent further embarrassing situation.

I request a reply by fax in No.03192-32236.

With best wishes,

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