

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE
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Port Blair, dated the 8th December, 2001

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1. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has constituted a Committee of Experts vide their Notification No.U-14040/24/99-ANL dated 21st July, 2001, in pursuance of the Order dated 9.4.2001 of Hon'ble High Court Calcutta to undertake scientific study to find out the cause of change in the behaviour of the Jarawas as mentioned in the aforesaid Order of High Court and to suggest remedial measures to enable the Central Government and A&N Administration to formulate plans and programmes to save the Jarawas from the danger of total extinction or of losing their identity and culture by merger with the vast humanity of the so called civilized society.

2. The Expert Committee under the Convenorship of Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has decided in its meeting held at Raj Niwas, Port Blair on 6.11.2001 to depute the Composite Groups consisting of researchers from related scientific disciplines to conduct longitudinal study / survey of the Jarawas of Andaman Islands.

3. The concerned Government Departments like Directorate of Health Services, Tribal Welfare Department, Forest and Environment A&N Administration, All India Institute of Public Hygiene and Health Calcutta, Anthropological Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India have deputed their officials to be the Member of three multi-disciplinary study teams - Composite Groups. Accordingly, Composition of the study teams is annexed.

4. The Members of the Composite Groups are trained on 3rd & 4th December, 2001 by the Experts in the respective fields at Port Blair in the presence of some Members of the Expert Committee including Shri K.B. Saxena and Shri S.A. Awaradi. The team members who have not visited Jarawas so far were sent to Jarawa areas for their initial familiarization of the field situation on 5th December, 2001. The pre-testing of the questionnaires has also been done in the field on 6th, and 7th, December, 2001.

5. The multi- disciplinary teams will study the following aspects in respect of Jarawas.

- i) Health and nutrition.
- ii) Culture and behavior.
- iii) Resources available in the Jarawa territory.