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Port Blair, dated the 7th December 2001

To

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Sub: - Medical research and Drug Regime in respect of Jarawa tribe of Andaman Island - reg.

Sir,

It is to inform you that Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta, Circuit bench at Port Blair in Public Interest Litigation WP No. 48 of 1999 has directed the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs to constitute the committee of experts to study the Jarawas of Andaman Islands and submit a report to the Court and to the Government of India.

In pursuance of the order dated 09/04/2001 of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India have constituted a Committee of Experts under the convenorship of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands vide notification No. U-14040/24/99-AN dated 21st July, 2001. (Copy of the notification is enclosed for your ready reference.)

The Expert Committee met at Raj Niwas, Port Blair twice so far. During its last meeting, on 06/11/2001 it has been decided that that Experts from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and Indian Council of Medical Research need to be associated to study diagnostic approach, drug regimes and long term and short term research requirements with respect to health related aspects of Jarawas. Copies of the minutes are enclosed herewith.