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**High Court matter**  
**Most urgent**

No.11-20/AAJVS/TW/2000/ 729  
**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**  
**DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE**  
**SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, PORT BLAIR**

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*Port Blair, dated the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2001*

To

The Director of Shipping Services,  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands,  
Port Blair.

***Sub:- Providing M.V. Shompen for Tribal Welfare activities.***

Sir,

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has constituted the 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. The Expert Committee under the Convenorship of Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has decided in its meeting held at Raj Niwas on 6.11.2001 to depute the Composite Groups to conduct longitudinal study of the Jarawas of Andaman Islands.

Members of the Composite Group have been trained and are ready to leave for field on 10.12.01. To cover the Jarawa area of the Western Coast of South Andaman Island, it has been decided in the training meeting attended by Dr. M.M. Kutty, Secretary(TW), Shri K.B. Saxena, former Secretary to Government of India and now member of Expert Committee and others on 8.12.2001 and others to utilize the services of suitable vessel.

The matter was discussed with Shri James Paul, HM of Directorate of shipping Services by the Secretary (TW) today over phone thereafter Director (TW) also had detailed discussion with him with regard to the details of the requirement of M.V. Shompen for the purpose of study.

M.V. Shompen or any other suitable vessel is required to take the research team from Port Blair to western coast on 10.12.2001 in the forenoon. The vessel would be required to anchor somewhere near Bada Balu area on western coast of

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