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पोर्ट ब्लेयर
PORT BLAIR-744 101

Port Blair, the 27th Sept 2001

Dear Shri Kanchan Mukhopadhyay,

You are aware that in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta vide judgment dt 9.4.01m, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India vide its notification No.14040/24/99-ANL dt 26.7.2001 had constituted a Committee of Experts. Copy of the Notification is enclosed for ready reference.

The Expert Committee met on 10.9.2001 under the convenership of Lt Governor at Raj Niwas. After a great deal of deliberation, the Expert Committee decided to study the Jarawas issues on the following aspects.

- i Resources available for Jarawas
- ii Health and Nutrition of Jarawas
- iii Culture and behaviour of Jarawas

It was also further decided that to constitute three sets of multi-disciplinary Composite Group to study the above three aspects of the Jarawas. The study would cover all the season of a year to come to a definite scientifically acceptable conclusion.

Further, in this connection, you are requested to refer to para 21(iii) and (iv) of the minutes of the meeting of Expert Committee on Jarawas notified by Ministry of Home Affairs held under convener-ship of Lt Governor, A&N Islands on 10th Sept 2001 at Raj Niwas. The copy of the said minutes has already been sent to you. It was decided that each composite group will consist persons from various departments including Anthropological Survey of India.

It was decided that person from Anthropological Survey of India will lead each Composite Group, Anthropology being the mother science for the study of Jarawas. Therefore, you are requested to nominate three persons accordingly.

The Expert Committee is scheduled to meet again on 16.10.2001 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt Governor. It was decided by the Expert Committee that the Composite Groups will be formally constituted and ready for briefing/ training so that they proceed for the field study soon thereafter.

I shall be grateful if personal attention is paid to ensure nomination immediately.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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