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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
SECRETARIAT

No.11-20/AAJVS/TW/2000

Port Blair, the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2001

The Director,  
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Sir,

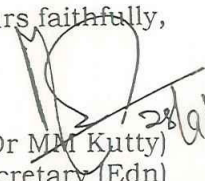
One Ms Shyamali Ganguly, Advocate, Port Blair had filed a Public Interest Litigation in the Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Port Blair relating to providing of assistance, care and protection to Jarawas. The petition had *inter-alia* sought for direction to Central Govt/Andaman Admn to frame suitable policy for rehabilitation and settlement of Jarawas.

The Hon'ble High Court disposed off the petition vide order dated 9.4.2001. As per the direction of the Hon'ble High Court the Central Govt would require to constitute a committee of Professional Experts to undertake survey and research in the matter of change in the behaviour of Jarawa and find out the cause of the same.

In pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble High Court, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide its Notification dt 21.7.2001 has constituted a committee of experts. The Expert Committee met on 10.9.01 felt that language is a major bottleneck in effectively communicating with the Jarawas. Since Composite Team will be constituted to undertake field level work, there is need to associate with the Composite Team persons having knowledge of Jarawa Language. In this connection assistance of your institute will be beneficial to train the members of the Composite Team.

It is, therefore, requested that a person of your Institute, who has studied the Jarawa language, may kindly be identified and deputed to Port Blair. The exact date of his requirement at Port Blair would be intimated in due course of time.

Yours faithfully,

  
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