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Please refer to the notification No.U-14040/24/99-ANL dated 21st July 2001 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the constitution of an Expert Committee to study the Jarawa tribe of Andaman Islands in pursuance of the order of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta.

The Expert Committee met under my convenership on 10.9.01. After a great deal of deliberations, the Committee is of the view that the Jarawa tribe needs a proper scientific study before any meaningful suggestions / recommendations are made for their welfare because the information on the behaviour and other aspects of the Jarawas available at present negligible. To come to valid conclusion, adequate facts on Jarawas are required to be collected which will entail detailed study on the three aspects:-

- (i) Resources available for Jarawas,
- (ii) Health and Nutrition for Jarawas,
- (iii) Culture and behaviour of Jarawas.

As such, it was decided to constitute small multi-disciplinary Composite Groups to study the Jarawas for a period of at least one year.

Further in the meeting it was decided to place a request before the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta to grant a period of one year at least for the Expert Committee to submit the report. The Committee is of the opinion that it is necessary to move the Hon'ble High Court since it is not possible to conduct a proper study within six months time given for this task.

We are moving the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta accordingly.

This is for your kind information.

Yours sincerely,

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