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May please peruse the note at para 70-72 above. It is regarding the forthcoming meeting of Expert Committee scheduled at Raj Niwas Port Blair on 6.11.2001.

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Notice of this meeting was sent to all members of the Expert Committee. In response to this the Director Anthropological Survey of India has intimated that he will be on leave from 25th October and would be proceeding to Katchal Island, Nicobar Groups. He further stated that he is not sure as to whether he will be at Port Blair on 6th November,2001. Further he has indicated that he will try to be present at Port Blair for the meeting.

Since he will be in these Islands during the period we may request him to make it convenient to attend the meeting. Accordingly a draft letter is placed opposite for perusal and approval.

Professor Indira Chakraborty of all Institute of Hygiene and Public Health spoke to the undersigned over phone a couple of days back and intimated that she is heavily pre-occupied with absolutely unavoidable works and would not be able to attend the meeting on 6th November. Though she informed over phone she has sent a fax message to this effect but we have not received it. This fact was discussed with Secretary (TW) earlier.

Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Mohammed Ali, Director of Health Services also informed that she would be on leave. However, it is learnt that Secretary (Tribal Welfare) has made it clear to her that she should cut short to her leave to enable her to attend the meeting.

Shri Saxena the other member of the Expert Committee has not intimated about his other pre occupation. He would certainly be able to attend this meeting. In this connection he had earlier intimated over phone that he would be ready to reach Port Blair a couple of days in advance to prepare for the meeting. The air tickets for Shri Saxena from Delhi to Port Blair is now available with our Deputy Resident Commissioner, Delhi. Now we may inform DRC Delhi and Shri Saxena about the journey details of Shri Saxena.