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This is regarding organizing the regular contact expedition to the Jarawas and Sentenelese. The full moon day occurs on 15th September, 1989 and in accordance with the practice the contact visit is to be carried out around the full moon day.

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The Hon'ble Lt. Governor has desired to accompany the expedition team this time vide his note at para 11 above. The MV Tarmugli is generally deployed for the tour programme of Lt. Governor. Now it is understood that M.V. Tarmugli is in the Dock for repairs.

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The AAJVS vessel, MV Milale is also under some urgent repairs at present. As per the information of the Master MV Milale this urgent repair work is likely to be completed within four five days.

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It may be mentioned here that MV Milale is required to be surveyed by MMD Surveyor and all the statutory certificates are to be renewed. However, further it may be mentioned here that the MV Milale has been put on sea going service during last many years without the required statutory survey and certificates (it may not be out of place to mention here that reportedly many vessels of Marine Department are also put on service without such certificates).

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The matter regarding survey and certification was taken up with surveyor Incharge of MMD, Port Blair. On the advise of earlier surveyor Incharge a formal application in the prescribed form alongwith a DD for Rs. 1000/- was made requesting the MMD to survey and issue certificate. The present Surveyor Incharge has however returned the application and DD. The matter was discussed with Surveyor personally alongwith the master of MM Milale. The detail proposal for survey and certification are dealt separately.

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However it is submitted for orders as to whether MV Milale could be pressed on service to carry out contact expedition to Jarawas during this month pending the statutory survey and certification under Mercantile Shipping Act. If the expedition is to be carried out under these circumstances the visit to the Jarawas of Middle Andaman Island could be carried out and not to the Sentenelese and Jarawas