

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE ANDAMAN ADIM JANJATI VIKAS SAMITI

Port Blair, dated the 9th August, 2002

ORDERNO. 210

- 1. This order is issued in the context of Third Phase of study of the Jarawa tribe of Andaman Islands scheduled to begin on 10.8.2002.
- 2. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has constituted a Committee of Experts vide their Notification No.U-14040/24/99-ANL dated 21st July, 2001, in pursuance of the Order dated 9.4.2001 of Hon'ble High Court Calcutta to undertake scientific study to find out the cause of change in the behaviour of the Jarawas as mentioned in the aforesaid Order of High Court and to suggest remedial measures to enable the Central Government and A&N Administration to formulate plans and programmes to save the Jarawas from the danger of total extinction or of losing their identity and culture by merger with the vast humanity of the so called civilized society.
- 3. The Expert Committee under the Convenorship of Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has decided in its meeting held at Raj Niwas, Port Blair on 6.11.2001 to depute the Composite Groups consisting of researchers from related scientific disciplines to conduct longitudinal study / survey of the Jarawas of Andaman Islands.
- 4. The concerned Government Departments like Directorate of Health Services, Tribal Welfare Department, Forest and Environment A&N Administration, Anthropological Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India have deputed their officials to be the Member of three multi-disciplinary study teams Composite Groups. Accordingly, Composition of the study teams is annexed.
- 5. The multi- disciplinary teams will study the following aspects in respect of Jarawas.
 - i) Health and nutrition.
 - ii) Culture and behavior.
 - iii) Resources available in the Jarawa territory.
- 6. The Composite Groups will study the Jarawas and survey their area during the following three seasons in the year 2001-2002.
 - Post monsoon period December 2001 to February 2002.
 - ii. Summer season / dry season March 2002 to May 2002.
 - iii. Monsoon period June 2002 to November 2002.
- 7. The study will be in the three phases corresponding to the seasons indicated above. The duration of each phase will be such that all the Jarawa bands / groups are covered as far as possible during the each of the three seasons of the year.