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Your Excellency, The Lt Governor, AN Islands, Port Blair



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Sub: Request to shift the statue of Jarwas from the gate of Rajniwas

Sir

In recent past clipping of Jarwas Dance broadcasted in the National channels not only brought shivering the AN Police officials, Heavy weight officials of the AN Administration but it was felt very painful by the Honble Ministers in the Central Government, leaders of various political parties, along with worldwide activists, social reformers etc. As a result lengthy discussions were held, buffer zone area imposed and what not. As you are aware, we all Islanders are very much concern about this unique tribe of ours who are our assets and very much interested to protect their identity, happiness, safety and privacy. We are also with your opinion that the Jarwas have no threat with the local people other than the incoming tourists. But why the incoming tourists are so much interested in Jarwas that has also to be found out.

Sir, to launch any product, event or particular people, the producers use to take the services of the costliest most super duper models and flash/advertise it before the public. Having seen the repeated flashes/advertisements the people naturally increase desire to own it, or at least see it.

Sir, here, you are Islands costliest most super duper role model and when two sculptures of Jarwas are placed before the main gate of Rajniwas, naturally the tourists will have lure and curiosity for these tribe and want to see them by any means. We feel, this was the main reason why the tourists were attracted on these tribe, went to the spot and some unsocial element have taken video of Jarwas by paying money, resulting the local inhabitants to suffer in the name of Buffer Zone. Hence we request you to kindly remove these statuses from the gate and honour their persona by keeping inside the Rajniwas at an appropriate place.

Regards,

Yours faithfully,

(R Mohan) State President

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Director, Tribal Welfare, AN Administration, Port Blair

2. Director, Adim Janjati Vikas Samity, Port Blair