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Dear Shri,

You are aware that Ministry of Welfare has identified 75 Tribal Groups as Primitive Tribal Groups in the country based on four criteria viz: Smallness of members, Stagnant or diminishing population, General backwardness and Isolation, Pre-agricultural level of technology and very low level of literacy. On the basis of these criteria, Jarawas were also identified as the Primitive Tribal Group in A & N Islands. Government of India has been providing Special Central Assistance to the UT Administration for the Development of the Primitive Tribal Groups in the UT. Inspite of various plan efforts, these groups have not come up to the desired extent.

2. I am enclosing a copy of Press-clipping captioned "JARAWAS LEAVE HABITAT FOR FOOD" published in the Delhi edition of STATESMAN dt. 28.10.97. According to the press report, Jarawas were facing starvation and they came out of their jungle habitats into open in Uttara jetty in search of food.

3. I would request you to look into this matter and take appropriate measures for their development. I shall be thankful if an early reply regarding action taken is sent to us.

Yours sincerely,

(Meenakshi Hooja)

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✓ Copy for information and necessary action to JS(TD), Ministry of Welfare, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

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