

No. 1-752/2013-TW/ 244
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE
SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, PORT BLAIR

09/05
Port Blair, dated the April, 2014

To,

The Research Officer and Head of Office,
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
N/1-297, IRC Village
Bhubaneswar 751015

**Sub:- Press clipping from the Telegraph dated 21.01.2014 captioned
"Jarawa kidnap raises abuse fear-reg."**

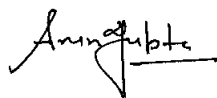
Sir,

In continuation of the Admn's letter No.1-824/2011-TW/228 dated 27th March, 2014 (copy enclosed) for ready reference, I am directed to state that all the 10 (ten) Jarawa women, who were the alleged victims of the abduction and sexual exploitation by the non-tribal poachers denied any sexual exploitation by the poachers during the course of investigation. Also they refused to get themselves medically examined on this count when asked to do so. So unless the sexual exploitation is proved by the medical examination of the victims, no monetary compensation is admissible under the PAO Act 1989.

However, the poachers numbering seven persons involved in committing offences on other counts have been charge sheeted under section 365 IPC read with section 7/8 (2)(5)(6) of the A & N Islands Protection of Aboriginal Tribes Regulation, 1956 as further amended in 2012 and section 3(1)(v) of the SCs and STs (POA) Act, 1989. The matter is pending trial before the Competent Court.

Yours faithfully

Encl:- A/A



Assistant Commissioner (TW)