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D.O No. 11-2/AAJVS/2014

Port Blair, dated the 4th January, 2014

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to the press report about the alleged sexual exploitation of Jarawa girls appeared in the The Telegraph', Kolkata, India and mailed to this office on 24.1.2014. A joint patrolling team consisting of officials from Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti, Police and Forest Department conducted surveillance in the Jarawa Tribal Reserve (West coast, South Andaman). On 16.1.2014 and 17.1.2014 the team members apprehended the intruders and seized their country boat along with other materials.

A complaint was lodged at Police Station, Kadamtala, Middle Andaman and Police Station, Ograbraj at South Andaman by Dr. Pronob Kumar Sircar, Tribal Welfare Officer, Tirur area. FIR was lodged vide No. 2/14 dated 18.1.2014, u/s 365 of IPC and under sub-section (2)(5) and (6) Section 7 and 8 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation Act, 1956 and read with section sub section (1) (XII) of Section 3 under Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The accused were arrested and remanded to judicial custody by the Competent Court and the investigation is being carried out by Police. The charge sheet shall be filed early.

The Jarawa Tribes are being persuaded not to enter into settlement villages and to interact with the non-tribals. The joint patrolling has been intensified to ensure that the non-tribals do not enter into the reserve area.

A copy of FIR is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

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