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✓ To

The Assistant Commissioner (TW),
 Directorate of Tribal Welfare,
 A & N Administration,
 Port Blair.

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Sub : Protection of Jarawa tribal reserve - reg.

Sir,

I am to refer your letter No. 1-752/2007-TW/545 dated 16th July, 2007 and subsequently reminder dated 14th September, 2007 on the subject cited above. Consequent upon assuming the charge of Executive Secretary, AAJVS and having perused the note of Special Secretary-cum-Director (TW) enclosed with your above cited letter I have also inspected the area on 31.07.2007 and I absolutely agree with the opinion of the Special Secretary-cum-Director (TW) in all respect.

The Tourist Resort being established by M/s. Barefoot on the land bearing Survey No. 118/1, 118/2 and 105 situated at Collinpur, Ferrargunj tehsil is seriously detrimental to the interest of Jarawas and against the basic principle of notified Jarawa Policy. The establishment of a Tourist Resort which will have everything of the so-called civilized society in such close proximity to the Jarawa reserve area will certainly cause everything negative for the primitive tribe, the details of which are well explained in the note of Special Secretary (TW) referred to above. Moreover, by virtue of my experience having worked as Forest Settlement Officer I have apprehension about the status of the total area of the land occupied by the party that it probably includes Forest land as well. Even otherwise the site has nothing unique as a good tourist location except that the easy accessibility with Jarawas will fetch good foreign tourist inflow at the Resort at the cost of all negative impacts on the human heritage (the Primitive Tribal Group).

Therefore, the actions as suggested by the Special Secretary (TW) may be initiated without any delay and the establishment of the Barefoot Resort at Collinpur may be stopped forthwith.

Yours faithfully

(Signature) 21/9

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 Executive Secretary,
 AAJVS