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**High Court Matter**  
**Immediate**

No. 11-14/AAJVS/2000/260  
**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**  
**Department of Tribal Welfare**  
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Port Blair, dated the 20 June, 2001.

To

1. The Chief Conservator of Forest, A & N Administration, Port Blair.
2. The Inspector General of Police, A & N Islands, Port Blair.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Andamans District, Port Blair.
4. The Chief Engineer, APWD, Port Blair.
5. The Directorate of Health Services, A & N Administration, Port Blair.
6. The Director (TW), A & N Administration, Port Blair.
7. The Director (IP&T), A & N Administration, Port Blair.

Sub: *Implementation of directions contained in the judgment dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 of the Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court in the matter of welfare of the Jarawas on a writ-petition No. 48 of 1999, Miss Shyamaly Ganguly, Advocate-Vs-Union of India.*

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the judgment dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2001 of the Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court regarding the abovementioned subject and to state that the Hon'ble High Court has directed the central Govt. to form a committee of experts within two months with the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands as convenor, comprising of renowned Anthropologists, Sociologists, Nutrition Experts, Doctors for undertaking the scientific study, research and survey in the change in behaviour of Jarawas and to find out the cause of the same. The Expert Committee is required to submit its report to the central Govt. within six months from the date of formation. Necessary proposal for constitution of the Expert Committee has been submitted to the Govt. of India by this administration.

Further, the High Court has directed this administration to take the following immediate steps on war-footing for the welfare of the Jarawas.

- a) To stop poaching and intrusion into the Jarawa territory and prevent its further destruction by encroachment and deforestation.
- b) To issue appropriate notification clearly demarcating the Jarawa territory as far as possible.
- c) Until formulation of such policy not to make any new construction or extension thereof in the Jarawa territory and not to make any extension of the Andaman Trunk Road.

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