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continuously. A number of cases have been booked against the violators of Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Precaution of Aboriginal Act) Regulation 1956.

(57) Regarding utilisation of fund allocated for taking up welfare scheme of the primitive tribes, it is submitted that A&N Administration has constituted an autonomous body called the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti under the chairmanship of the Lt. Governor with members from the Anthropological Society of India, Directorate of Health Services, Police personals, experts engaged in the study of aboriginal tribes, Senior officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Tribal Affairs among others. The fund allocated by the Govt. of India under the Special Central Assistance Scheme is utilised for implementing the schemes for the welfare and development of all the primitive tribes including the Jarawas. Implementation of the scheme is closely monitored by the Samiti from time to time. The fund allocated has never been diverted for any other purposes than for the welfare of the primitive tribes in the A&N Islands, the allegation therefore is baseless.

(58) Regarding allowing the Jarawas to mingle with the population settled in the villages of South and Middle Andaman and adopt the lifestyle of the civilized population, it is submitted that all the experts opinion so far obtained by the A&N Administration have categorically and unequivocally state that the Jarawas should be allowed to continue to live in their traditional ways and should not be disturbed. The experts have also opined that once the Jarawas are compelled to adopt the lifestyle of the other population living in the area, the tribe is bound to suffer and may become extinct like many other primitive tribes in other parts of the world.

(59) Regarding the boat 'MV Milale' which was exclusively procured for making contacts with the Jarawas and other primitive tribes of A&N Islands, it is submitted that the vessel