

Minutes of the High Powered Committee held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on 28.9.2001 at 3.PM to monitor various steps being taken in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta in writ petition No.48 of 1999.

The following were present.

1. Shri Balbir Singh, Chief Secreary
2. Shri S.S.Patnaik, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
3. Shri Pradeep Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (PW)
4. Shri Arun Goyal, Secretary to LG, (IP&T/Health)
5. Dr.M.M.Kutty, Secretary(TW)
6. Shri Sudhir Yadav, DIG
7. Dr.Sharat Chuahan, DC, Andamans
8. Shri S.A.Awaradi , Director (TW)

While initiating the discussion, Chief Secretary desired to know about the status on implementation of various short term directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta in writ petition No.48 of 1999. The members of the High Powered Committee informed that the directions as issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta are being implemented vigorously.

Dr.M.M.Kutty ,Secretary(TW) mentioned that the Administration is required to file an affidavit before the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta within a period of six months from the date of issue of the Order stating the manner in which the short term directions as issued by the Hon'ble High Court are implemented and the effects of such implementation on the Jarawas. We have to clearly indicate the results of implementation, in other words, the Hon'ble High Court is to be informed about the fruits borne out of implementation of such directions for the well being of Jarawas. Therefore, all members were asked by the Chief Secretary to submit specific reports in this regard.

It was also mentioned in the meeting that the effects of the implementation of the measures for the welfare of the Jarawas could be quantified wherever possible and comparison could be tried to elicit the impact.

The Chief Secretary desired that all the members shall submit the reports quickly so that the Tribal Welfare Department could compile the reports and file an affidavit in time.