ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Sub- Corrupt practice by the staff of AAJVS regarding photograph of Jarawas etc.

Please find enclosed herewith the copy of the Andaman Express dated 24.1.2002, which carries the news item on the front page entitled " 'A cover up ' in the name of preventing obscenity"

It has been reported in the said Press that photography is allowed by the staff of the AAJVS on the spot on payment of small bribe. It has been mentioned in the said Press that the reporter of the "Andaman Express" paid Rs. 50/- to the AAJVS employee and got the photography of the Jarawas. If it is a fact, it is highly irregular and needs immediate and stringent action against the erring officials.

As such, Executive Secretary, AAJVS shall inquire into the matter and submit detailed report before 20.2.2002 positively.

Copy of this note from para 124 to 128 along with copy of the Press be given to Executive Secretary, AAJVS and also to field executive staff of AAJVS like Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala, Plantation Incharge, Baratang, Medical Officer (Jarawa) and Pharmacist, Jarawa, C/o Medical Officer, Jarawa.

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