

No. 1-752/2000-TW/  
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
Department of Tribal Welfare

Port Blair, dated the April, 2001

To

The Joint Director  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,  
Govt. of India, Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi -110001.

**Sub: -Rehabilitation of Jarawa Primitive Tribe - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your DO letter No. 200025/9/2000-TA (ME)/Y dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2000 addressed to Secretary (TW), A&N Administration forwarding therewith a copy of letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> Sep., 2000 from Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, MP (Lok Sabha), A & N Islands on the above mentioned subject and to furnish the comments of the administration on each point as under :

**Points (1 & 2) : Payment of compensation to the people for damages caused by the Jarawas:**

As far as possible the movement of the Jarawas at Baratang, Uttara and Kadamtala is being controlled by deploying the surveillance unit comprising police personnel and officials of Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) so that the Jarawas do not enter the villages and plunder the orchards etc. of the settlers.

With regard to the payment of the compensation for damages caused to the property of the settlers by the Jarawas, it is stated that the Task Force Committee, comprising the experts from different fields with Secretary (TW) as its chairman constituted by the administration to advise on the welfare and the development of the Jarawas visited the Jarawa area (Middle Strait and Kadamtala area) from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31st Aug., 2000 and reviewed the Jarawa situation. The committee decided to make payment of compensation for the damages caused by the Jarawa within a period of one month. As usual, the damages caused by the Jarawa are to be assessed by the Revenue staff of the area and report sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Andamans and Executive Secretary, AAJVS immediately after the report of damages by the Jarawas is received. A press note to this effect has been issued for information of the general public. *As on date, there is no pending compensation to be paid to people for the damages to their property due to the raids of Jarawas.*

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