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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Shri Gopelashwamy,

Kindly recall our telephonic conversation a few days back regarding the constitution of an expert committee to look into the welfare of the Jarawas. The delay in sending the requisite information is regretted.

In the above connection I may clarify that the following steps have already been taken by this Administration to cater to the welfare of the Jarawas (and other indigenous tribes of these islands).

1. Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) :-

It is an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and came into existence during 1976 to look after the welfare of Primitive Tribes of A & N Islands, under the Chairmanship of the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands. The samiti was set up on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Primitive Tribal Groups in A & N Islands. The samiti has formulated 5 schemes for the welfare of all primitive tribes and the schemes are implemented through the funds released by the Central Govt. under Special Central Assistance scheme.

2) Preparation of Handbook on Jarawa Languages :-

A compilation of the Jarawa dialect by the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has already been taken up. Few copies of the primer of Jarawa Language have been provided to this Administration for use by field functionaries. However further research on the Jarawa dialect is still in progress.