

- d) [redacted] (Welfare), A & N Administration.
e) [redacted] Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair.
f) [redacted], AAJVS - Convener.

6) The Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta, Circuit Bench, Port Blair had in C.O. No. 48 of 1999 filed by an advocate Miss Shyamali Ganguly regarding the Jarawas, asked the Administration to propose names for the constitution of an expert committee to go into the Jarawa issue. Accordingly on 10th Dec. 1999 this Administration has submitted to the court the following names for consideration.

1. Dr. R.K, Bhattacharya, Director Anthropological Survey of India, Head Office Calcutta.
2. Shri Kanchan Mukhopadhyay, Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair.
3. Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Ali, Director of Health Services, Port Blair.
4. Shri S.A Awaradi, former Director (Tribal Welfare) presently holding the post of Secretary, Municipal Council, Port Blair.
5. Dr. Srikant Mahapatra, former Secretary to the Govt. of India in the Department of Culture.

In short we have the above mechanism² in place and it appears that this may be adequate to cope with this sensitive issue.

Also a seminar was organised on the topic of "The Jarawas : Contact and Conflict", from 2.11.99 to 5.11.99 at Port Blair jointly by the Anthropological Survey of India and the Tribal Welfare Department. It was addressed by the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands. Experts from various organisations like Anthropological Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India, Central Institute of Indian Languages Mysore and Regional Medical Research Centre Port Blair and various local Administration departments like the Health Department, PWD, Police Department, as also NGOs concerned with the eco system of these islands, participated in this seminar. A report is being prepared by the Anthropological Survey of India on the deliberations held in this seminar.

In addition I am enclosing herewith copies of a report sent by this Administration on 25th March 1999 to the Ministry of Social