Fund allocated for the welfare of the primitive tribes is being utilized for the welfare of the Jarawas and other primitive tribes and being monitored by an autonomous body viz. Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti with eminent anthropologists and Social Welfare Workers as members headed by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

Experts and Anthropologists from all over the world are of the opinion that the Jarawas should be allowed to live in their traditional ways and should not be compelled to adopt life style of the civilized population.

M. V. Milale was procured some time during 1976 and has already outlived its life and therefore the vessel has been condemned. The operational staff of M. V. Milale have been reemployed in the Directorate of Shipping Services. A new vessel is being procured for looking after the welfare of the primitive tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the staff will be reengaged after the arrival of the vessel.

Yours sincerely,

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