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This is regarding complaint of Khatoon's Public Grievances Cell, Mayabunder on welfare of Jarawas. In response to our letter dated 16.4.2001 at page 19/c, the ES, AAJVS vide his letter dated 19.4.2001 at page 20-28/c has furnished the copies of reports send to National Human Rights Commission. In the representation they have requested us to impose restriction on entry of non-tribals i.e. local and foreign tourists into the tribal areas, to avoid misappropriation of fund allotted for the welfare of the Jarawas, to allow Jarawas to mingle with the non-tribals and also to send the representative to check the situation in the Jarawa area.

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The comments of the Administration on the following points raised by Khatoon's Public Grievances Cell are proposed as under: -

1) **To impose restriction on entry of non-tribals i.e. local and foreign tourists into the tribal areas:**

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulations, 1956 exist to protect the interests of socially and economically backward aboriginal tribes in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the areas which are pre-dominantly inhabited by the aboriginal tribes have been declared to be reserved area. Under the said regulation, no non-tribals can enter into the tribal areas without ^{the} authority of pass granted by the Deputy Commissioner, Andamans.

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The Mobile Surveillance units which comprises police personal, Pharmacist, Ward Attendant and officials of AAJVS have been deployed to control the movement of Jarawas at Baratang, Uttara and Kadamtala.

2) **Misappropriation of fund allotted for the welfare of the Jarawas:**

The Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti, an autonomous organization under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands looks after the welfare of Primitive Tribes of A&N Islands. The Samiti has formulated five schemes for the welfare of Primitive Tribes and the schemes are being implemented through the funds released by the Govt. of India under the Special Central Assistance schemes.