

Minutes of the High Powered Committee which met on 17.7.2002 at 4.00 pm to monitor the steps taken to implement the short term directions of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta in Public Interest Litigation on Jarawa (WP.NO.48 of 1999).

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1. The following members of the High Powered Committee were present.

- i. Dr. R. Padmanabhan, Chief Secretary - Chairman  
A&N Admn.
- ii. Shri S.S. Patnaik, Secretary, - Member  
Environment & Forest, A&N Admn.
- iii. Shri A.K. Verma, - Member  
Inspector General of Police,  
A&N Islands.
- iv. Shri Pradeep Singh, - Member  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary,  
APWD, A&N Admn.
- v. Shri Arun Goyal, - Member  
Secretary to Lt. Governor.
- vi. Shri Arun Goyal - Member  
Secretary (IP&T), A&N Admn.
- vii. Shri Sanjiv Kumar - Member  
Secretary (TW), A&N Admn.
- viii. Shri Hemachandran, - Member  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health)
- ix. Dr. Sharat Chouhan - Member  
Deputy commissioner, Andaman Distt.

2. The following were also present in the meeting.

- i. Shri S. A. Awaradi Director (TW)
- ii. Shri C.R.Garg Director (IP&T)

3. The Chief Secretary welcomed the members of the High Powered Committee. He made a mention about the deliberations of the Expert Committee on Jarawas ( Committee notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India ) which met today i.e. 17.7.2002 at 11.AM at Raj Niwas. The protection of the Jarawas from the deleterious effects of the contact of the outsiders is a critical issue. There are " Pull & Push " factors operating in the Jarawa situation. Chief Secretary mentioned that pull factors for Jarawas may include alien items like food, cloth, medicines, tobacco etc. The Push factor may include possible scarcity of resources like drinking water etc. Chief Secretary urged that all out efforts are to made to prevent damaging effect on the Jarawas in accordance with the direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata.