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PUC is a DO letter dated 27/02/2003 of Economic Adviser, GOI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi addressed to Chief Secretary, A & N Administration forwarding a copy of Lok Sabha starred (admitted) Q.No. 5848 due for answer on 05/03/2003 on medically and socially harmed Jarawa Tribe by Mega project which relates to construction of Andaman Trunk Road.

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In this context please refer to an article titled - 'Andaman Trunk Road and Jarawa situation' by Sameer Acharya of Society for A & N Ecology included in the book titled - 'Jarawa Contact : Ours With Them And Theirs With Us' published by the Director of Anthropological Survey of India, Govt. of India, Kolkata. A copy of the article is placed at pages 71/C. The material for draft reply to the question is proposed as under :

Sl.No.	Question	Material proposed for draft reply
a)	Whether the Government are aware that society for Andaman & Nicobar Ecology (SANE) has alleged that the Andaman Trunk Road, a Mega Project meant to unite islands, has harmed the Jarawas Tribe medically and socially.	Yes, SA
b)If so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and c)The remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save those tribals from harm in this area?		The entire issue pertaining to the Jarawa Tribe is sub-judice in the Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Ms. Shyamaly Ganguly, Advocate, Port Blair Vs. Union of India and others.

Note for Supplementaries

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A PIL has been filed by Ms. Shyamaly Ganguly, Advocate, Port Blair in the Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata expressing apprehension about the welfare of Jarawa Tribe their activities, behaviour pattern and other related aspects. The Hon'ble High Court passed an order dated 09/04/2001 directing the GOI to constitute an Expert Committee for under taking scientific study, research and survey in the change in behaviour of the Jarawa and to find out the cause of the same. Accordingly the GOI has constituted an Expert Committee under the convenorship of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A & N Islands and Experts from various fields for the purpose of undertaking study on the Jarawas. The Expert Committee is required to submit the study report to the Hon'ble High Court of Kolkata and GOI by March 2003. The Expert Committee has completed study and is in the process of writing its report. In this context it may be pointed out that the Expert Committee besides the issues relating health, social aspects etc.,

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