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8th January 1983

Dear Smt Uma Pillai,

Kindly refer to your d.o. letter No.U-13015/24/82-ANL dated the 20th December 1982 addressed to Shri VV Bhat, Secretary (TW) regarding construction of Andaman Trunk Road passing through Jarawa area.

2. It has been suggested in para 3 of the d.o. letter referred to above that there should not be any permanent labour camps in the Jarawa reserve area. It may be pointed out that it is not the practice at all to construct permanent labour camps during construction phase of a road, wherever it may be. Temporary barrack type accommodation will be provided in the area where the road construction work goes on and will be shifted when the area of road construction shifts. There will, therefore, be no permanent labour camps in the construction place.

3. Regarding the point raised in para 4 of the d.o. letter, it may be mentioned that the apprehension of the Committee regarding possibility of intrusion inside the Jarawa area for illicit fellings etc. is not correct, in view of the fact that the forestry activities in the areas adjoining to the Jarawa reserve are being carried out purely by the departmental agency and strict instructions have been issued to the concerned staff to ensure that intrusions inside the Jarawa reserve for illicit fellings and illicit collection of forest produce are completely avoided. It will also be ensured that exploitation of any more forest areas adjoining to the Jarawa reserve, other than the area where extraction operation is already going on, is not taken up in future.

4. Consequent on the posting of a Lieutenant Governor for this territory, the need to vest the powers to amend or alter the limits of the Jarawa