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Statement showing the action taken or proposed to be taken on the
Summary Record of the proceedings of the meeting of Home Minister's
Advisory Committee held on 20th Dec 1980 at New Delhi.

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Trunk Road

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Joint secretary (T.O), MHA pointed out that a portion of this road passed through the Jarawa (hostile tribe) area and its construction in this area would have to be examined in detail. Shri Necha Singh Chawla said that the local administration were themselves intruding into the Jarawa area at certain other places and it would be wrong to take this plea and abandon construction of the road on this stretch. MS (Home) informed the Committee that he had instructed the Committee of officers to visit the islands to make an on the spot study and submit their recommendations. A final decision would be taken soon thereafter.

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The Committee of anthropologists appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs to go into the question of resumption of GAT Road construction in the Jarawa area have since visited these Islands and submitted their report. Our comments on the recommendations made in the report have already been furnished to the Home Ministry and their final decision in the matter is awaited.

The GOI have recently informed that the matter is under consideration.