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Dated at Port Blair, the 30th Dec. 1983.

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Smti. Uma Pillai,  
Director (ANL),  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
New Delhi.

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Sub: A & N Islands - Andaman Trunk Road - Realignment  
of the portion passing through Jarawa territory -  
Consideration of various proposals suggested  
by the Committee of Anthropologists.

Ref: Your letter No. U.13015/17/82/ANL dated 19-8-1983.

Madam,

Kindly refer to your letter under reference.

The reply thereof could not be furnished immediately  
on account of delayed receipt of your letter. However,  
the position is elucidated below.

The work on Andaman Trunk Road has not been  
started physically. The connected preliminary works  
before resumption of construction are being carried out  
now.

Though the Ministry of Home Affairs communicated  
clearance for the resumption of the road with the  
suggestion of shifting the alignment between 93 and  
99 km it was felt desirable to explore the possibilities  
of keeping the alignment as much away from the Jarawa  
Reserve as possible and therefore, shifting the align-  
ment from 84.5 Km itself was thought of. Accordingly,  
preliminary survey on this has been carried out and it  
has been found feasible to shift the alignment eastward  
from 84.5 Km itself. Action has also been initiated  
to mobilise labour strength, construct labour barracks,  
reorganise the Bush Police establishment, setting up  
a dispensary etc. which are a prerequisite to this  
project of road construction. Simultaneously, action  
is also under way for the purchase of trucks required  
for construction.

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