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A NOTE ON ANDAMAN TRUNK ROAD BETWEEN  
87 Kms. AND 110 Kms. POINTS  
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When the Prime Minister visited Andaman and Nicobar Islands from 7th to 9th March, 1981, a point was raised as whether the decision to link the road in North Andamans with the road in middle and south Andamans (Trunk Road) was correct. Earlier, this link had not been taken up in order not to disturb the Jarawa tribe though whose territory the road was to pass. The Prime Minister, felt that an indepth study of the likely effects of the decision to re-start the road on the Jarawa tribe was essential and for the purpose the whole question should be examined by a high powered team of Anthropologists and there-after the matter brought for a final decision.

2. Accordingly, the Ministry of Home Affairs constituted on 7th July, 1981 a High Power Team of Anthropologists with the following composition and terms of reference :-

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| (i)   | Prof. S. C. Sinha,<br>Presently Professor of<br>Social Anthropology,<br>Centre for Studies in Social<br>Sciences,<br>Calcutta. | Chairman         |
| (ii)  | Shri H. K. Rakshit,<br>Director,<br>Anthropological Survey of India,<br>Calcutta.  | Member           |
| (iii) | Dr. N. Patnaik,<br>Director,<br>Tribal & Harijan Research-<br>cum-Training Institute,<br>Bhubaneswar (Orissa).                 | Member           |
| (iv)  | Dr. Bhupinder Singh,<br>Joint Secretary (TD),<br>Ministry of Home Affairs,<br>New Delhi.                                       | Member-Secretary |

Terms of Reference.

- (a) The effect of the construction and use of Andaman Trunk Road on the Jarawa tribe and
- (b) The desirability of taking up of road in Great Nicobar Island for the Shompens living in this island.

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