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and the decision taken at the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Primitive Tribes held on January, 21 and 22, 1984, a Watch Dog Committee has been constituted to review and monitor the implementation of the safeguards recommended by the team of Anthropologists on Jarawa situation. This Committee of officers is headed by the Chief Secretary. Deputy Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair is also a Member of this Committee. A copy of the order issued in this regard is enclosed (Annexure 'B').

Before the constitution of the Watch Dog Committee, it was thought that Shri K.K.Bhasin, Secretary (Tribal Welfare) should monitor the implementation of the safeguards recommended by the team of Anthropologists. The Watch Dog Committee is now headed by the Chief Secretary of this Administration. I would also be reviewing and monitoring the progress myself.

We are in regular touch with the Jarawas living in Middle Andaman. Our team of officers is now visiting the Jarawa area every month, as will be evident from the enclosed statement (Annexure 'C'). These visits have been quite successful.

A | As the work on the Andaman Trunk Road has been resumed with effect from 14th March, 1984 only, the quarterly reports would be sent to the Ministry for the periods ending March, June, September and December.

It has been mentioned, inter-alia, in Shri S. Varadan's d.o. letter dated 14th July, 1983 aforesaid that an anthropological study of the tribe by the competent Scientists would be useful. The Anthropological Survey of India seem to be the appropriate agency to undertake this work. The Deputy Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair is also a Member of the Jarawa Cell constituted by the Administration.

Signed in original.

Yours sincerely,

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