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ANDAMAN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Sub:- Construction of 87-110 KM stretch of A.T.R.
and Association of A.S.I. with the study of
Jarwas.

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, vide their letter 20018/2/83/TD(R) dated 28-2-'84 have called for a detailed note on the steps taken by the Administration in relation to the resumption of the 87-110 KMS Trunk Road and the measures for promoting the interests of Jarwa Tribe.

The present position, in-as-much as it relates to this Department is elucidated below.

The Govt. of India had agreed to the resumption of Andaman Trunk Road beyond 87 KM with a suggestion to shift the alignment between 93 and 99 KMS towards East in order to create more Jarwa Reserve and this decision was communicated by the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs vide his D.O. letter No. 13015/17/82-ANL dated 14-7-'83. This letter also contained directives as to the course of action to be taken in the matter of dealing with the Jarwa Tribe.

But it was felt desirable to shift the alignment towards East from 84.5 KM itself so as to keep as much away from the Jarwa Tribe as possible and to create additional Jarwa Reserve. preliminary survey conducted indicated the possibility of such shift in the alignment and the resumption work has been proposed from 84.5 KMS preliminary works connected to the project are in progress. The work was actually resumed on 14-3-'84.

As to the measures for promoting the interests of the Jarwa Tribe, the Secretary (TW), A & N Admn. may kindly indicate the latest position in an appropriate manner to the Lt. Governor.

The letter of the Govt. of India is returned in original for favour of further necessary action.

Encl:- A/A.

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Principal Engineer &
Secretary (P.W).

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Secretary (TW).

P.E.'s U.O. No. WS/3-1(1)/PE/107

Dated 21 --3--1984.

Copy to the Superintending Engineer, Construction Circle No. I, Andaman P.W.D., port Blair for information and necessary action.

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