

2724 3/07/2007	DO letter No. 787/VIP/ MOS(R)/200 7dated Nil	Permission to the Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology, Hyderabad to take up genetic research on Jarwas and Onges in A&N Islands	Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister of State for Commerce, Govt. of India, Udyog Bhawan.	Secretary (TW)	All activities pertaining to research on genetic studies of the primitive tribes of these islands need the prior clearance of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India. Accordingly the request of CCMB was referred to Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs; vide our D.O letter 1-605/98-TW dated 17 th March 2007. However, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has consistently been of the view that there should be minimal interventions in the lives of these tribes, as such interventions have long term disruptive effects. Accordingly, the An.S.I office in Port Blair was advised to keep action on genetic research and documentary filming pending till such time that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs approves the proposal.
653 1/9/07	11012/3/20 07 PCR(Desk) Dt	Institution of national award for outstanding fieldwork in irradiating untouchability and combating offences of atrocities against Scheduled Castes for the year 2007	VR Malhotra, Director GOI Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Secretary (TW)	No Scheduled Caste has been notified in these islands, a nil reply has been sent to the Director, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, New Delhi and copy to the Joint Secretary (CS), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi vide our letter No. 1-5/2004-TW/ 579 dated 24/9/2007 (Copy enclosed).