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F.No. 1-892/2009-TW / 571
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
Directorate of Tribal Welfare

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Port Blair, dated the 10 August'2009

To

The Under Secretary to Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi 110 001.

Sub: Pending cases with A & N Administration - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. U-13034/37/2009-ANL dated 10th July'2009 on the above cited subject.

The Tribal Welfare department is concerned with point No. (14) of the Pendency - A & N Administration and point No. (2) of the List of Legislative proposals pending for want of information from A & N Administration.

In this context that the points are discussed as under:

Point No. (14): Issues relating to protection of PTGs of ANI.

A meeting was held on 11.5.09 to discuss on implementation of Jarawa Policy, which was convened under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs. In this meeting it was decided that professional national institutions shall be entrusted with the re-structuring of the AAJVS after obtaining inputs from those who have experience in working with the tribals in A & N Islands so that AAJVS is able not only to function like a trustee in the interest of the Jarawas (enlarged to cover all other PTGs) and "advise A & N Administration regarding the protection and welfare of all aboriginal tribes including the Jarawas" as prescribed in the Jarawa Policy. It was also decided that there is no need for a Jarawa Tribal Development Authority as it would duplicate the work already being done by the AAJVS and the Tribal Welfare department of the Administration.

As decided in the meeting held on 11.5.2009 at Port Blair, an agenda item being "**re-structuring of the AAJVS**" has been proposed to be placed in ensuing Executive Council and General body meeting scheduled to be held on 12th August'2009.

Point No. (2): A & N Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation.

It is stated that a revised draft A & N (Tribal Council) Regulation 2009 has already been sent to the Joint Secretary (UT), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India for approval vide Chief Secretary's DO letter No. 1-849/2007-TW dated 14th July'2009.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Commissioner (TW)

*Copy to the Assistant Secretary (GA), A & N Administration w.r.t your letter No. 1-45/2009/(GA) dated 16th July'2009 for information.

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