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Port Blair, the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.

Dear Sh. Mukherjee,

I am writing with reference to the need to review the existing policy regarding Jarawa Tribes notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 21.12.2004. In this regard a copy of my earlier d.o. letter dated 19.3.2010 is attached for ready reference.

While responding to my letter dated 19.3.2010, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has pointed out in their communication No.11024/1/2010-C&LM-II dated 7.5.2010 that an Expert Committee has already been constituted to monitor and review the implementation of the Jarawa policy. Consequently, while there may be no need to constitute another Expert Committee, the substantive issues raised in my letter dated 19.3.2010 regarding the need to shift focus of the Jarawa Policy from **Protection and Preservation** to **Empowerment** continue to be relevant and need to be addressed.

It is accordingly requested that a meeting of the Expert Committee may be convened by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to address the issues raised in the letter dated 19.3.2010 or alternatively, the matter may be remitted to a sub committee of the Expert Committee for in depth consideration.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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