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It is regarding filing of Jarawa policy in the High Court of Calcutta. The High Court of Calcutta through their order dated 15/12/2004 granted 3 months time to file the notified policy on the welfare of the Jarawa (vide page 44/C). Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with Ministry of Tribal Affairs have finalized the policy on Jarawas and have sent us the copy to file the same in the Court (vide pages 29-39/C).

As per the main order dated 9.4.01 of the High Court of Calcutta (vide page 50 to 109 /C) the policy needs to be notified by the Government. The Ministry of Home Affairs was informed in December 2004 (vide page 41/C) that Jarawa policy is placed in the website of the Administration and the same is being notified in the Administration's official Gazette.

Ministry of Home Affairs have now informed (vide page 45/C) that placing the Jarawa policy in the Administration's website amounts to making it public and will serve the purpose of the order of the Court. Further they have informed that the policy will not be notified in the official Gazette of Government of India. In the meanwhile, the policy is notified in the A&N Administration's Gazette, copy placed at pages 46-49/C.

In compliance with the order of the High Court of Calcutta, we may file the copy of the Jarawa policy notified in the Administration's Gazette through an affidavit before 15.3.2005 and inform the Ministry of Home Affairs accordingly.