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PUC is a letter No. 12019/11/2005-TRP dated 7th Oct., 2005 of the Director (SP/IDA/CM) govt. of India Planning Commission, New Delhi addressed to the Chief A&N Administration in reply to this Secretary, Administration's D.O No. 1-752/2002/TW/1510 dated 29//9/2005 at pages 172-175/c in connection with the alleged violation of High Court order and marginalization of Jarwas. He has asked for further information on the following issue (a) construction of mud walls to keep off tsunami, which is detrimental to the island ecology (b) environmental clearance and (c) exploitation of Jarwas including increase in the number of instances of poaching.

The issues relating to construction of mud walls to keep off tsunami and environmental clearances before embarking upon such project' concern the Department of Agriculture, so the Development Commissioner, A&N Administration, who is head of the said department, could be requested to send a reply. However, as desired by Special Secretary (TW) over phone today we may give an interim reply to the effect that the administration will be responding to the above issues separately.

As regards 3rd issue, i.e., instances of exploitation of Jarwas including increase of poaching etc., we may reply that there has been only few instances of poaching and exploitation of the Jarwa women. In this context, it may be noted that the law and enforcement machineries like Police and Forest Departments have been instructed to be vigilant to prevent exploitation of the Jarawas and poaching in the Jarawa reserved area. Accordingly a draft reply is put up for approval please.

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