

3. **Review of the recommendations of Shekhar Singh Commission:** The Administration in its affidavit dated 7.8.2002, filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in compliance of the direction in the order dated 7.5.2002, has sought a review of the recommendations of Shekhar Singh Commission. The matter is yet to be heard by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

// 4. **Construction of mud walls and lining of walls of perennial streams with cement concrete:** The Department of Environment & Forests is not undertaking any such constructions nor does it favour the same.

5. **Poaching in Jarawa area:** There is a mention of a case of theft of honey stored by the Jarawas by the poachers. The details of the case are not available in the letter. The Jarawa Reserve is also a Reserve Forest and entry into the Reserve Forest and poaching is an offence under the Indian Forest Act, 1927. It is not known whether the complainant has filed any FIR in the nearest Range Office or Police Station. It would be useful, if the violations are immediately brought to the notice of the law enforcing agencies in the field.

6. **Exploitation of natural resources within Jarawa Reserve:** The department does not carry out any activity except protection in the Jarawa area and no exploitation of any natural reserve is permissible.

Yours faithfully,



(R.S.C. Jayaram)

Deputy Conservator of Forests
(Headquarters)

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1. The SPS to Chief Secretary for the kind information of Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, with reference to the endorsement on D.O.No.M.12019/11/2005-TRP dated 16.9.2005 from Shri L.P.Sonkar, Adviser (Minerals & TRP), Planning Commission.
2. Legal Section of PCCF's Office.