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Government of India
Planning Commission

Yojana Bhavan, Sansad Marg
New Delhi, the 7th October, 2005.

To

The Chief Secretary
Andaman & Nicobar Administration
Secretariat
Port Blair
Fax No.: 03192 - 232656

Subject:- Violation of Supreme Court Order and Marginalization of Jarwas -
Letter from Secretary, National Advisory Council.

Sir,

Kindly refer to d.o. letter No.1-752/2002-TW/1510 dated 3rd October, 2005 from Shri G.C. Joshi, Special Secretary (TW), Andaman & Nicobar Administration forwarding a note on the above subject. The note does not address the following issues:

- a) A&N Administration has used the Tsunami as an excuse to undertake projects such as construction of mud walls to keep off Tsunamis and lining of beds of perennial steel with concrete which is detrimental to the island ecology.
- b) Environmental clearances be mandated before the Administration can embark upon project with potential of damaging vital natural resources.
- c) While the note has indicated the measures being taken to protect the Jarwas from exploitation, it is silent on whether instances of exploitation of Jarwas including increase in the number of instances of poaching, inducements offered to the Jarwas by the local villagers in exchange of forest produce and exploitation of Jarwas women have increased.

It is requested that clarifications on the above points may kindly be sent to us urgently.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajat Sachar)
Director(SP/IDA/CM)