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Sub: Jarawas of Andamans - reg.

Please refer to your letter No. Nil dated 8th March 2002 addressed to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands regarding the Jarawas of Andaman Islands. We acknowledge your concern and suggestions relating to the welfare of the Jarawas of Andaman Islands. A&N Administration as well as Government of India are already seized of the issue.

In this connection, I would like to inform you that in pursuance of the order of the Hon'ble High Court a Committee of Experts has been constituted to study the problems of the Jarawas and to suggest the measures for their welfare.

The Expert Committee has already started its work. Research Teams have been constituted. The scientific data / information on health, nutrition, natural resources and culture and behaviour of the Jarawas is being collected and collated by the research teams. The teams have completed their first phase of survey in December 2001 to January 2002. The Committee is expected to give its recommendations shortly.

Yours faithfully,

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