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Port Blair, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2002

To

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**Sub:- Jarawas of Andamans.**

Please refer to your letter No. Nil dated 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2002 <sup>for L.S.</sup> regarding the Jarawas of Andaman Islands. We acknowledge your concern and suggestions relating to the welfare of the Jarawas of Andaman Islands. Andaman and Nicobar Administration as well as Government of India <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ already seized of the issue.

<sup>would like</sup>  
In this connection I <sup>am</sup> ~~am~~ to inform you that, in pursuance of the order of the Hon'ble High Court, a Committee of Expert, <sup>has</sup> ~~is~~ been constituted to study the problems of the Jarawas and to suggest 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 <sup>is collected</sup> ~~is~~ 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,

(N.N. Jha)

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