

## अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION सचिवालय

SECRETARIAT

Formulation of Policy towards the protection of Jarawas.

As a follow up of the seminars and open house discussions held on the issues relating to the Jarawas, the policy has to be finalized by Govt. of India. As per the directive of the High Court of Calcutta, Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs has to finalize the policy. The extended time limit given by the High Court will be over by the end of December, 2004.

Based on the action taken in the light of the judgement of the High Court and expert advice, A&N Administration has reconstituted the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samaiti(AAJVS) and extended the Jarawa area to increase their resource base. A draft note may be sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs requesting them to finalize the policy at the earliest in consultation with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Submitted for approval.

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