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- 31) PUC is a letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March'99 from Desk Officer, Ministry of M.H.A, New Delhi addressed to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Port Blair forwarding a copy of letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> March'99 from All India General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha regarding plight of the Jarawas of A & N Islands.

- 32) The All India General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha has expressed the same view, i.e., pitiable living condition, starvation of the Jarawas as any casual / occasional visitor could have expressed. A factual report regarding the Jarawa, the Sentinalese, the Onge tribals of the A & N Islands has already been sent to the Director, Ministry of SJ&, New Delhi with a copy to the Secretary, GOI, MHA, New Delhi vide Secretary(TW)'s dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 1999 at page 46/c. The various factors leading to the current situation, that is, coming out of the Jarawas from their traditional habitats in the forest to the settlement area have been recounted in the above report. We may send an extract relating to the Jarawas from the above report in reply of the GOI's letter (PUC). Besides, the Administration has drawn up an action plan (pages 82-85/c) to tackle the current Jarawa problem, a copy of which may also be sent to the GOI, if approved. Accordingly a draft reply is put up for approval please.

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Also pl. attach the enclosures to the draft letter.

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