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Main file is under submission, hence the matter is put up in the part file which will be amalgamated subsequently with the main file.

May please peruse notes above from para 1/n onwards. It is regarding a Fax message from the Director General, **SURVIVAL** for tribal peoples, London, U.K. addressed to Lt. Governor. The message deals with the Jarawa issue of Andaman Island. He has mentioned in the message the following :-

- (a) Jarawa's rights to the ownership of their land must be recognized and their territory must be protected from encroachment and poaching.
- (b) The above could be achieved successfully only by way of restoring their reserve to its original 1957 limits, by closing Andaman Trunk Road and by re-locating all the settlers and the people living in the forest camps, that is by removing these settlements from the Jarawa reserve forest.
- (c) The Jarawas should be allowed to decide their future themselves. Nothing should be imposed on them to change their life and culture.
- (d) The mistakes committed by British in relation to Andamanese and Onges should not be repeated by Andaman & Nicobar Administration with regard to Jarawas.
- (e) The Sentinelese have shown by their hostility that they do not wish to be contacted. Government should respect their rights to remain uncontacted and not to make any further attempts of contacts.

In this connection it is desirable to inform such an International Organization like **SURVIVAL** about the factual position and the approach that the A & N Administration has adopted in relation to the welfare of the indigenous people in general and Jarawas in particular.

By and large, the opinion expressed by the **SURVIVAL** is in conformity with the general policy and approach adopted by the Administration.

However, the certain points like restoring the tribal reserves to Jarawas to its 1957 position, closing of the Andaman Trunk Road etc. appear to be not feasible at present.