

The Administration of late is not organizing the Contact Expeditions to the Sentinelese of North Sentinel Island. We respect the determination of the Sentinelese to remain isolated. Further, the Administration is taking action to prevent possible entries / passes near the North Sentinel Islands by any outsiders.

Administration undertakes the measures / carry out activities in respect of the isolated / small tribal communities only under the advise of experts including Anthropologists. The Administration has decided to constitute Research and Development Cell to advise the Administration on the continuous basis to handle the Jarawa situation. Furthermore the Administration is providing medical care to the Jarawas wherever possible.

Thus, the Administration has been handling the Jarawa situation very carefully, scientifically and tactfully, so that no harm whatsoever is caused to the Jarawas.

If approved we may write to the Director General SURVIVAL in the above lines. A draft reply is placed opposite for perusal and approval.

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For information only. We need not reply to such organisations whose enquiries, we are in no position to check.

Besides There is a certain self-assumed and self-styled superiority and condescension visible in such communications which we should not inadvertently dignify by

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