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Respected Sri Advaniji,

Namaste.

I am bringing to your kind notice a matter which deserves your consideration. It is regarding the plight of Jarawas of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

During the recent visit of a delegation of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha to Andaman & Nicobar Islands, we have personally witnessed the pitiable living condition of these people, especially the children and women belonging to Jarawa community. As the resources for food have depleted in the Forests of Tirur Region of the Islands, they are starving for food and coming out of the forests seeking food and medication. After spending huge amounts on the welfare of these primitive, when they go hungry and come out for food showing their stomach, it definitely speaks of the inefficiency on the part of the Administration that they have failed to utilise the huge amount properly for the Adim Janjati.

I feel it is high time that the Government should evolve a policy to the effect that while keeping their heritage in tact, the administration should make available the basic requirements of food and medical treatment, nearer to their area at one or more fixed locations where the Jarawas could assemble and get their requirements fulfilled and also create such living conditions for them, where there may not be any need for them starve for food for their survival. The administration should also be directed to take all steps to ensure that they are not allowed to decay and they are not robbed of their free life.

I am enclosing herewith copies of newspaper reports for your information. I request your honour to personally visit these places in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and take necessary measures to safeguard the Jarawas and other aborigines of the Islands.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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