

XII) This task force is to make a continuous assessment of the field situation by extensive visits to the Jarawa area. The Lieutenant Governor, A & N Islands has also constituted a Research & Development Cell to advise the Administration to handle the complex situation that had arisen with a view to ensure the well being of Jarawas and this cell comprises of :-

- i) Director of Anthropological Survey of India
- ii) Director, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore.
- iii) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
- iv) Director (Health Service)
- v) Director, Regional Medical Research Centre (ICMR)
- vi) Director (Tribal Welfare)
- vii) Executive Secretary, AAJVS -- Convenor.

A copy of the order constituting the Task Force / Core Group and R - 4 Research & Development Cell is annexed as *Annexure - 4*.

XIII) It may be mentioned here that this administration has been working in a close consultation with Anthropological Survey of India for quite some time and more actively so in recent times. Further, the administration has constituted village committees comprising Pradhans of Ferragunj, Tushnaba, Uttara, and Kadamtala Panchayats, Deputy Superintendent of Police from Middle Andaman and the concerned Tehsildars of Ferragunj / Rangat to inspect the area where the Jarawas caused damage during their intrusions into settlements, and to estimate the cost of damage. Compensation has already been paid by the AAJVS in such cases after careful verification by the Revenue Authorities. Another such committee constituted by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A & N Islands is to assess the damage caused in Baratang area. Copy of the order appointing the above committee is annexed as *Annexure - 5*. The Administration has already taken steps in consultation with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore to prepare a primer in Jarawa language and towards this end, as a first step, a hand book of Jarawa words, expressions and their meanings has already been prepared upto the manuscript stage. Preparatory to compiling a primer for use by field officers, the handbook had already been circulated.

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