

a) That the Administration is fully sensitised to and geared up in administering to the needs of Jarawas on a variety of fronts ranging from health care and agriculture / horticulture / fisheries inputs to scientific studies with the help of the ASI and linguistic studies of the Jarawa language itself.

b) The Administration is fully aware of and conscious of its responsibilities in preserving the Jarawa habitat as defined by the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956, on the one hand while also consciously discharging its responsibilities towards providing necessary securities not only to the Jarawas from non-tribals peoples but also to the non-tribal settlement within its jurisdiction.

c) The administration has constituted necessary mechanisms such as the Task Force, Research & Development Cell as also village level committee to ensure a fair, sensitive and caring welfare oriented approach.

d) The Administration will not allow itself to be rushed into any hasty, ill-conceived programme, which would have an undesirable affect on the self-reliance and culture of the Jarawas on the one hand, and in the long run contributing to their extinction. That the averment made in paragraph - 1 of the application it is to submit that we have no reason to feel that the Jarawas are distressed and are suffering from malnutrition and diseases. Rather they are a healthy population and free from serious disease. We have no information that the Jarawas are willing to join mainstream of the society at present. A recent report from Anthropological Survey of India state interalia : -

i) It is not correct to say the Jarawas are suffering from scarcity of food and water.

ii) The Jarawa reserve is just sufficient to provide them with adequate food resources at present [Administration's comments - It is for this reason that efforts to enrich the area is being taken]