

disturbed by the passengers travelling through ATR, police escorts have been intensified. Committees have been constituted with the representative of Panchayats, Local Officers, Representatives of AAJVS at Kadamtala, Jerkatang and Tirur. The Administration has setup a Research & Development Cell and a Task Force Committee to initiate proposals and programmes for the Jarawas.

Anthropological Survey of India has been requested to conduct a proper survey of the area and to study the Jarawas.

16)

That the averment made in paragraph - 12 is admitted to the extent that Great Andamanese and Onges have been rehabilitated. However any comparison of their situation with that of the Jarawas with a view to repeating and copying their example would be erroneous for reasons already explained earlier in this reply, in the body ground note. It may be added that the Anthropological Survey of India has opined that in case of Great Andamanese and Onges, their rehabilitation became essential because of their then rapidly diminishing population. There is no such threat to the Jarawa population.

17)

That the averment made in paragraph - 13 it is to state the relief sought by the petitioner under the heading "grounds" may be dismissed since the Administration has already taken several measures to tackle the Jarawa situation as enunciated in the fore-going paras. The respondent crave leave of the Hon'ble Court to make necessary oral submission at the time of hearing of the case relating to various grounds, with reference to affidavits of parties and relevant documents, record of concerned departments of respondents. Petitioners allegation in these paragraphs are not admitted.

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That the averment made in paragraph - 14 it is to submit that we have no comments to offer.

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That the averment made in paragraph - 15 it is to submit that we have comments to offer.

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That the averment made in paragraph - 16 it is to submit that we have comments to offer.

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That the averment made in paragraph - 17 it is to submit that we have comments to offer.