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PUC is a DO letter No. 17014/4/99-TD (ME) dated 18.8.99 from Director, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GOI addressed to Secretary (TW). This DO is sent by fax by the GOI.

It has been intimated that the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment alongwith some senior officers are scheduled to visit these islands on 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Sep'99 to review the situation of the Primitive Tribal Groups particularly Jarawas.

In this connection they have requested to send a status paper on the subject immediately. They have also requested to arrange for the meeting with the concerned officers and non-officials to discuss the Jarawas issues.

The matter was discussed with the Secretary (TW) as desired by him. A detailed note on the Jarawas situation was sent to GOI some time back. This note is required to be updated. However the note could include the action been taken by the administration with regard to welfare of the Primitive Tribes in general Jarawas in particular.

He has desired to take immediate action to prepare status paper which is to be submitted to the Secretary (TW) immediately. A UO note in the above line addressed to ES, AAJVS is signed which may be issued

(S.A Awaradi) Director (TW) 18.8.99.

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