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 ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION,  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE.

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Of Late Jarawas of Andaman Islands are coming out into the non-tribal areas like settlement villages, Andaman Trunk Road etc. As a result a situation has developed now in which the Jarawas who were once hostile and had no interaction on continuous basis with the non-tribal people have reached a state of interaction with the non-tribal people. An indiscriminate interface would be hazardous and harmful for the well being of the Jarawas.

There is a danger of spread of unknown diseases to the Jarawas from the non-tribal people, risk of road accidents and introduction of vices of other people among the Jarawas. Apart from this the villagers and other non-tribal people are also experiencing inconvenience because of the activities of the Jarawas in the non-tribal areas.

It is a complex human situation to interact with the Jarawas with our very limited capability to communicate with them at present. Therefore I.A. Governor is pleased to order that a Research and Development Cell is necessary to advise the Administration to handle such situation for the well being of Jarawas. The composition of the R&D Cell shall be as under:-

- (i) Director of Anthropological Survey of India.
- (ii) Director of Central Institute of Indian Languages.
- (iii) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A&N Islands.
- (iv) Director of Health Services, A&N Administration.
- (v) Director of Regional Medical Research Centre, (ICMR), Dollygunj, Port Blair.
- (vi) Director of Tribal Welfare, A&N Administration.
- (vii) Executive Secretary, AAJVS - Convener.

I.A. Governor has further pleased to order that a Task Force / Core Group, consisting of the following, shall manage / handle the Jarawa situation on continuous basis within the ambit of broad Policy Decision of the Administration.

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