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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE  
AND EMPOWERMENT  
SHASTRI BHAWAN  
NEW DELHI-110001

the 18th August, 1999.

Dear Shri Ray,

This is regarding socio-economic condition of Primitive Tribal Groups in A&N Islands. You are aware that the foreign media has brought out series of newsitem in UK on the plight of Jarwas identified as Primitive Tribal Group in the A&N Islands. A large number of communications from India and abroad addressed to Hon'ble Minister of State of this Ministry regarding plight of Jarwas in A&N Islands have been received in this Ministry.

2. In view of the above, Mrs. Asha Das, Secretary of this Ministry along with some senior officers of this Ministry will be visiting A&N Islands on 16th and 17th September, 1999. You may kindly prepare a detailed visit schedule of the Secretary and other senior officers of this Ministry during their stay in A&N Islands to see the various Primitive Tribal Groups in your Union Territory. Secretary has also desired that a meeting could be convened at Port Blair to discuss various issues relating to Primitive Tribal Groups of your Union Territory. A background paper may kindly be prepared on various issues on the Primitive Tribal Groups of UT of A&N Islands. In addition you may also indicate the officials and non-officials who could be invited to attend the meeting scheduled to be held at Port Blair.

3. We shall be thankful if expeditious action on the above lines is taken at the earliest under intimation to us.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

*(Signature)*  
(Dr. P.K. Mohanty)

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Pl. write to  
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