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85 PUC is the Xerox copy of the message No.36-1/99-RC/572 dated 30.8.99 from Chief Secretary Camp Delhi addressed to Lt. Governor.

86 Chief Secretary has reported to LG that he has met the Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment recently to apprise the Jarawa situation.

87 Secretary to Govt. of India who is scheduled to visit Andaman Islands during 16 to 18th September, 1999 will hold discussions on the tribal issues and she would also like to know what project assistance her Ministry would extend to Andaman Administration. The matter was discussed with the Secretary (TW) on 31.8.99.

88 Health is one of the important areas where the Administration could seek the financial assistance from the Govt. of India. In this context the Project proposal was formulated by the DHS and was sent to Govt. of India in the context of possible association with the World Health Organisation (a UNO body) to provide Medical assistance to the primitive tribes. The copy of such project report is placed at page 153 to 158/c.

89 In this project report the Administration has sought the financial assistance to procure a Hospital ship and to establish medical centers near the Jarawa areas. An Hospital ship having adequate facilities would be a floating hospital where the Jarawas and other primitive tribes like Andamanese, Onges, Shompens and even Sentinelese in future could get the medical coverage.

90 Such Hospital ship would avoid the possible interface of the isolated primitive tribes with the other communities in the usual health centers where the primitive tribes would be susceptible for an attacks by the foreign pathogens. In other words such tribes would contact hitherto unknown diseases.

91 A draft project on the basis of that already formulated by DHS is placed opposite for perusal and approval. It is a slight modification in the project formulated by DHS. This project could be sent to the GOI, if approved.