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PUC is the Fax Message dated 12.4.99 from Dr. P.K. Bhattacharya, Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair addressed to Lt. Governor.

In his letter he has dealt the Jarawa issue in a very general terms. He is of the opinion that in the contemporary world no community remains isolated and it is to be accepted that Jarawas and Sentinelese will increasingly find it difficult to maintain their seclusion.

Further he has noted that sustaining the hunting and gathering or foraging communities require large track of land with good amount of wild flora and fauna. It is difficult in a country like India to keep unutilised space and natural resources, given the pressure of population.

Under these circumstances maintaining the Jarawas or the Sentinelese with their subsistence level economy is either too romantic to be taken seriously or a luxury that can hardly be entertained in a country under a firm grip of population pressure and where resources are geared towards development of country's economy.

It may be mentioned here that in the wake of the situation where the Jarawas are coming out of their forest into the non-tribal areas, Administration has already requested Anthropological Survey of India to study in detail the Jarawa issues and suggest the measures for the welfare and the protection of the Jarawas.

It is necessary that the study should provide recommendations in a very clear terms and not in general / vague propositions.

Therefore, we may again request the Director of Anthropological Survey of India to complete the study of the Jarawas and to send us the recommendations urgently.

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