

A&N Administration had met her and discussed on tribal issues wherein she wanted to know what a project assistance the Ministry could extend to to this Administration. In this regard a copy of fax message dated 30.8.99 from Chief Secretary, A&N Administration camp New Delhi to Hon'ble L.G., visited this U.T. from 16.9.99 to 19.9.99. During his visit she convened a meeting of the Chief Secretary and other officers of the Administration to discuss the tribal issues particularly the Jarawa situation. It is worthwhile to point out here that she visited the Jarawa area on 18.9.99 to assess the Jarawa situation herself.

In the wake of the fax message of the Chief Secretary camp New Delhi referred to above and the discussions held with the officers of this Administration on 17.9.99, a project titled "Establishment of staging posts for the protection of Jarawa" with an outlay of Rs. 118.95 lakhs has been already been formulated and sent to the Dr. P.K Mohanty, Director Ministry of S&E New Delhi vide our letter No. 11-16/A&NVS/TW-99/457 dated 14.10.99 (a copy enclosed) for approval.

Besides, there is already a scheme of welfare programmes for the Jarawas and Sentinelese with an outlay of Rs. 58.40 lakhs and Rs. 32.10 lakhs for the Ninth Five Year Plan and the Annual Plan 1999-2000 respectively being implemented by an autonomous body called - AAJVS. AAJVS is fully funded from the grant-in-aid out of the Special Central Assistance provided by the GOI and UTs budget. A copy of the above scheme is enclosed herewith.

Yours Faithfully,

Research Officer (TW)
for Director (TW)
(Comp File TW-255)

Encl : As above.