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Department of Tribal Welfare

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Port Blair, dated the 5<sup>th</sup> April '99.

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Desk Officer(ANL),  
GOI, Ministry of Home Affairs,  
New Delhi.

Sub: Plight of Jarawas of A & N Islands.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. U-13025/12/99-ANL dated 23.4.99 regarding the abovementioned subject and to state that a factual report regarding the Jarawa, the Sentinelese and the Onge tribals of the A & N Islands has already been sent to the Director, Ministry of SJ&E with a copy to the Secretary, GOI, MHA's vide Secretary (TW)'s DO letter No. 11-4/AAJVS/98-TW. I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the above report. The various factors leading to the current situation, that is, coming out of the Jarawas from their traditional habitats in the forest to the settlement area have been recounted in the above report.

Further, the Administration has already drawn up and approved an Action-Plan to tackle the Jarawa situation, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith. Adequate measures that are necessary, are being taken to preserve and protect the Jarawas and at the same time sustainable development programme is also being taken up keeping in view the level of their socio-economic conditions.

Yours faithfully,

Encl. As Above

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for Secretary (TW)  
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