

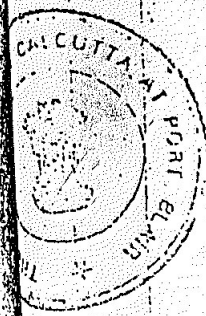
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before this Court expressing their views as to the protection and welfare of the Jarwas, some of which are diametrically opposed to the views of the petitioner as also the report of the said Committee.

It appears from the said Affidavit that the said SANE after coming to know about the Public Interest Litigation sought opinion from different experts throughout the world most of whom are Anthropologists and according to SANE such experts opined that solution proposed by the petitioner although may be well intentioned would make the matter worse ; that it is unlikely that hunger is the cause of present problems; forced settlement would be disastrous and every possible measures should be taken to control incursions into Jarawa territory, and it will be the obligation of the Administration to ensure that the hunter gatherers are not dispossessed of land, the contacts being culturally and otherwise unsafe, should be stopped. It was further stated in the said affidavit on the basis of the opinion of the said experts that the belief and notion in dominant society that the Jarawas are backward and they need improvement and the benefits of the modern society, is actually a racist notion based on ethnocentric thinking, and that similar crisis exists among the indigenous people of U.S.A. Canada, Australia and New Zealand, where contacts inevitably lead epidemic.



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