remaining hunter-gatherer societies, and was charman of the Organising Committee for the 1986 International Conference on Hunting and Gathering Societies and who claims that for the past forty years he has maintained an active interest in the indigenous inhabitants of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and have read almost everything at that has been published about them,

has submitted his opinion through SANE in the present case. He has opined that the present situation of Jarawa, in which they are for the first time having extensive contacts with outsiders, should be treated as a medical . . emergency. An immunisation programme should be put into effect with the utmost urgency as according to him it has been found that when previously isolated or even relatively isolated, population density is high, people in the previously isolated group will become ill and many die as people living in isolation, are unlikely to have had exposure to many of the common injectious diseases like influenza. chicken pox, measles, whooping cough and many others. Therefore, when the isolated population group comes into contact with outsiders, because of lack of immunity they acquire illness which . often lead to their death and ultimately Although he has opined that it is extinction.

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