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Dr. Manmohan Singh,  
Prime Minister Of India,  
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I N D I E N .

Dear Prime Minister -

I am very concerned about the future of the Sentinelese and Jawara tribes in the Andaman Islands. Local settlers are invading the territory of the Jawara from the coast, and persuading the Jawara to hunt for them - offering bribes of alcohol, tobacco and food. If things go on like this, the Jawara will lose their independence, and probably become extinct.

~~The Sentinelese have expressed their desire to be left in peace. If they are not allowed to do so, more deaths can be expected, and the tribe will be exposed to diseases against which they have no natural immunity,~~

~~I therefore earnestly request you to uphold the law and keep outsiders out of the territory of all the tribes of these islands.~~

~~I also ask you to make sure that the tribes are treated justly.~~

Please make sure that the Andaman Long-distance Traffic Road be closed - as has been decided by the High Court of India - and to make sure that the tribes are treated justly.

Please do your best for these people entrusted to, and dependent on, your care!

Yours sincerely,

Joan Scheel.