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Dear *Shri Jairam Ramesh* file,

Kindly refer your letter No.5295 dated 11/09/2006 in connection with permitting Anthropological Survey of India to undertake research on Jarawas. I am to say that in terms of the notified Jarawa Policy meaningful research on the Jarawas will be allowed under the advice of Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS). To consider the research proposals on Jarawas, AAJVS has constituted a Standing Committee comprising of Expert members from among the Executive Council.

During the Standing Committee meeting chaired by Dr. Bhupinder Singh held on 19/06/2006, the research proposals of Anthropological Survey of India were discussed and it was felt that the proposals need some modifications which were also discussed in the meeting of Executive Council held on 20/06/2006.

Therefore, Anthropological Survey of India has been requested to re-submit the modified research proposals which will be considered by the AAJVS.

with best wishes & warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(M.M. Lakhera)

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