

42 Refer page 50/C.

43 This is a letter sent by Shri. Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, addressed to Hon'ble Administrator, Andaman & Nicobar Islands stating that the Sub-Group of Experts on issues concerning Jarawas of A&NI have recently submitted their report to NAC. One of the issues that came up during the discussion was the proposal of Anthropological Survey of India to permit them to do a visual documentation of the Jarawas and their culture. He expressed the hope that it should be possible for the Administration to give the Anthropological Survey of India this permission.

44 In the context of the above issue, it may be mentioned here that a Jarawa Policy formulated by the Government of India has been notified. (see page 51-54/C)

In terms of the above Policy vide point No: VI (d) it has been mentioned that:-

45 "Meaningful research on the Jarawas will be allowed under the advice of AAJVS to further the understanding of their life and culture including their traditional knowledge"

46 Further, it is mentioned here the Executive Council of AAJVS decided in its meeting held on 23/12/2004 to constitute a Standing Committee of experts members among the Executive Council to study the ongoing research works and consider the research proposals among the Jarawas and submit their views on the research proposals / works (please see minutes at page 104-105/C).

47 In this context the proposals submitted by Anthropological Survey of India were discussed during the Standing Committee meeting and subsequently in Executive Council meeting held on 20/6/2006.