

Hon'ble Minister Shri. Jairam Ramesh, vide his letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> August 2006 addressed to Hon'ble Administrator recommended the case of Anthropological Survey of India (ASI) permitting them to do the visual documentation of the Jarawas and their culture ( page 50/c).

In this regard the facts of the case are that a similar proposal had already come before AAJVS from ASI in the past. In fact in its meeting the Executive Council of AAJVS on 20.6.2006 had advised the ASI to modify their proposal and place the same before the Standing Committee of the AAJVS. This proposal is yet to be received in the office of the Executive Secretary, AAJVS.

It is pertinent here to say that the matter regarding research etc have been dealt in the document namely Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands notified in December 2004 by Ministry of Home Affairs. Vide para VI(d) which reads as under:-

*"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. However, it shall be ensured strictly that the confidentiality of genetic resources on the Jarawas will be maintained and not used for commercial exploitation by any agency organization which is not directly concerned with the welfare and protection of the Jarawas."*

AAJVS, an autonomous body, headed by the Hon'ble Administrator under the policy has been mandated the responsibility to consider all the research etc proposals and recommend to the competent authority for allowing or disallowing any proposal received by it regarding primitive tribal groups in general and Jarawas in particular.

In view of above a draft letter from Hon'ble Administrator to Hon'ble Minister is placed below.

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*Letter to Minister of State for Comm, duly signed by H.E. the Administrator is placed on file.*

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