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The above letter along with the DO letter sent by Shri. Anbumani Ramdoss, Hon'ble Minister for Health,

Government of India is placed at page 101/C.

The Hon'ble Minister for Health, Government of India vide his letter dated 31st January 2007 addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands had requested that necessary steps may be taken to vaccinate children of A&N Islands as per the Universal Immunization Programme. The Minister had referred to the report of the Expert Committee giving their opinion that "as Jarawa is increasing coming in contact with external population and are un-immunized against vaccine preventable diseases, the should be immunized as per the Universal Immunization Programme.

In his reply, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to the Minister, copy placed at page 100/C, stated that he is getting the matter expedited by the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to vaccinate the Jarawa children as per Universal Immunization Programme.

In the context of the above letter apropos to the report of Expert Committee, it is to mention here that health care is the mandate of Directorate of Health Services.

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