

What would, therefore, be relevant inputs from your end could include:

- a) Basic information on the structure, mandate, and perspective of the AAJVS
- b) I understand that there is a paper titled 'Perspective from the Precipice' that is related to this issue. I would be grateful if you could provide me a copy of this paper.
- c) If there is relevant information that might have been collected as part of the Kolkata High Court for the Creation of a Policy for the Jarawa, it would be good to have access to that information as well.

These in any case are only indicative ideas and I am sure there will be a lot more that you will be able to suggest.

I would be extremely grateful if you are agreeable to this broad idea and further if you could indicate to me the modalities of what needs to be done and how I do hope you will be able to consider this request favourably and that we will be able to move forward in a meaningful and constructive manner. I shall look forward to hearing from you. In case there are any queries or you need any clarifications, please do let me know and I shall respond to the best of my capabilities.

I must also mention here that this is an extremely short term project with mid-March being the deadline for its final completion. There is therefore an urgency with which work on it needs to proceed.

I would also like to mention that the compilation of the dossier, is perhaps, only a small step in extension of the work that some of us have been doing in the islands and importantly as part of a much larger process that is needed if the future of the Jarawas and their pristine forests is to be secured.

I will be visiting the islands in the last week of January and would be grateful if you will be able to spare some time so that I can come and meet you.

Thanking you sincerely,

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Enc: Concept note of the project