

PUC is the D.O letter dated 17-8-2010 from Dr. Rita Sharma, Secretary to Govt. of India, National Advisory Council (NAC), New Delhi addressed to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands regarding state of affairs of the Jarawa Tribe in A & N Islands. It has been indicated that during the term of earlier NAC, the issue relating to State of Affairs of Jarawa Tribes was taken up with the Planning Commission. A Sub-Group of Experts set up by the Planning Commission comprising of experts and Members of NAC to study the issue submitted its report and recommended interalia, the formation of 'Jarawa Development Authority' to monitor, suggest and review of contact with the Jarawas. It was also recommended that for ensuring the dignified survival of Jarawas and other tribes, immediate actions were required. A copy of report of the Sub-Group of Experts on the Jarawas and comments of the A & N Administration may kindly be perused at flag 'A' and 'B'.

A copy of the correspondence between Smti. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, National Advisory Council and Dr (Mrs.) Syeda Hameed said to have been enclosed therewith has not been received.

Further they have stated that a meeting of the Standing Committee of Island Development Authority (IDA) is going to be held shortly which will be followed by the main meeting of IDA in September, 2010. They have requested to the Admn. to take up the issue at the Standing Committee Meeting and the main meeting of IDA and also to send a status note in the matter for the information of Chairperson, NAC.

The minutes of the Chief Secretary, A & N Admn. recorded on the PUC is reproduced below:-

*"Please put up status on file along with status note and draft reply by 5-9-2010"*

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27-8-2010

Since the copy of the correspondence between Smti Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, NAC and Dr. (Mrs.) Syeda Hameed regarding State of Affairs said to have been enclosed has not been received in this Administration, we may request Secretary to GOI, NAC, New Delhi to expedite a copy of the same to this Admn. to process the matter further. Accordingly a DFA is added for approval please.

With regard to the issue relating to formation of Jarawa Tribal Development Authority (JTDA) and to monitor, suggest and review of contacts with the Jarawas has recommended by the Sub-Group of Experts set up by the Planning Commission, it is stated that this issue was taken up in the meeting to discuss implementation of Jarawa Policy held on 11-5-2009 under the Chairmanship of Secretary to GOI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and it was decided to restructure the AAJVS with the inputs from those who have experienced in working with tribals in A & N Islands so that AAJVS is able not only to function like a trustee in the interest of Jarawas but also to advise the Admn. regarding protection and welfare of Aboriginal Tribes including Jarawas. It was also decided that there is no need for a JTDA as it would duplicate the work already done by AAJVS and Tribal Welfare Department of the UT Administration.