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DR. RITA SHARMA
SECRETARY



August 17, 2010

Dear Shri Singh,

Please find **enclosed** copy of the correspondence between Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, National Advisory Council and Dr. (Mrs.) Syeda Hameed regarding the state of affairs of the Jarawa Tribes in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

2. It may be recalled that during the term of earlier National Advisory Council (NAC), this issue was taken up on priority with the Planning Commission. A Sub-Group of Experts was set up by the Planning Commission in this context, comprising of experts and Members of NAC to study the issue. This Group submitted its report and recommended *inter-alia*, the formation of "Jarawa Development Authority" to monitor, suggest and review of contacts with the Jarawas. It was also recommended that for ensuring the dignified survival of Jarawas and other Tribes, **immediate actions** were required. Copy of the Report is placed **Annexure-I** for ready reference. Comments were also sought on this report from the Andaman & Nicobar Administration which are also enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

2. It has been learnt that a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Island Development Authority (IDA) is going to be held shortly, to be followed up by the main meeting of IDA in **September, 2010**. May I request you to take up the issue at the Standing Committee Meeting and the main meeting of IDA. I shall also be grateful if a **"status note"** in the matter is sent for the information of Chairperson, NAC.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

Rita Sharma

(Rita Sharma)

Shri Bhopinder Singh,
Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands,
Port Blair.

Encls: **As above**