

Gen (Retd) Bhopinder Singh
PWSM, AVSM
Lieutenant Governor
Andaman and Nicobar Islands



Raj Niwas,
Port Blair-744101
Tel: (O) 03192-233333
(R) 03192-233300
Fax : 03192-230372

DO No.1-505/2009-TW

28th October 2010

Dear Dr. Rita Sharma,

At the outset, my sincere apologies for this delay in replying to your DO letter No.216/Secy/NAC/2010 dated 17th August 2010.

I am enclosing a Status Note on the present state of affairs of the Jarawa Tribes in the Andaman Islands. At the outset, I would like to assure you that my Administration is totally committed to ensure the safety and security of the Jarawas. We are also ensuring that the Particularly Vulnerable Tribes (PVTs) of A & N Islands are not adversely affected due to encroachment on their physical and social habitats by the outsiders. However, with the changing circumstances it is felt that we need to evolve a strategy for empowerment of the PVTs to negotiate the modern world with confidence and without losing their cultural and social identity as has been successfully achieved by the Nicobari tribe.

Administration is also in the process of restructuring and revamping the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) based on the study report conducted for the Administration by the National Productivity Council, Kolkata in May 2010.

Yours sincerely,
Lt Gen (Retd) Bhopinder Singh

Encl:As above

Dr Rita Sharma
Secretary

Government of India
National Advisory Council
2, Moti Lal Nehru Place
Akbar Road
New Delhi - 110 011