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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 Nicobar 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.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Encl:As above

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