

(2) Justification on all components of the proposal regarding staging posts for protection of the Jarawas.

In all, four staging posts, one each, at Tirur, Potatang, Middle Strait and Lakra Lungta is proposed to be established for the welfare and the development of the Jarawas. Each staging post will be manned by a Tribal Welfare Officer, a Teacher, a Pharmacist, a Forester and Police guard consisting of one head constable and 3 constables. Further each staging posts is required to be equipped with one mini truck, communication set, Motor Cycle.

Mini Truck and Motor Cycle:

As the Jarawas come out in groups to the above specified locations, they are to be provided with food medical care etc. and sent back to their habitats covering a long distance. As the distance from one staging post to another is considerably long, the staffs posted at the staging post will not be able to cover the whole area unless it is provided with a vehicle. Besides, the Tribal Welfare Officer proposed to be posted to each staging post will be chief co-ordinator. So he will require a two wheeler (motor cycle) for his mobility. Therefore a four mini trucks and four motor cycles as included in the proposal are justified.

Speed Boat :

The following places viz. Lakra Lungta, Bluf Island, Pathar Tekri etc. are the Jarawa areas where the Jarawas are usually found staying. Kadamtala is the nearest port from where their areas are accessible provided speed boats are made available. It takes about 2 hours to cover the above Jarawa habitats. Therefore two speed boat are required to be stationed at Kadamtala for transporting food articles, developmental materials etc. to the Jarawas habitats and evacuation of the sick Jarawa.

Communication set:

There is no communication link between the places selected for staging posts and the various departments located at Port Blair. So there is absolute necessity of a communication set for each of staging posts.