

of the Seminar on 'Future Policy Towards the Primitive Tribes'.
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The expert participants to the Seminar were Dr. RK Bhattacharya, Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Calcutta; Dr AK Ghosh, Director, Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta; Dr Francis Ekka, Director, Central Institute of Indian Language, Mysore; Professor RS Mann, Delhi University; Professor Virginious Xasa, Delhi School of Economics; Professor KL Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Professor CGH Khan, Karnataka University; Professor Anand Bano, Calicut university; Professor G.Gnanasundaram, Deputy Director, CIIL, Mysore; Dr Raja Singh, CIIL, Mysore; Dr Ranganathan, CIIL, Mysore and Shri NP Hathila of Bharat Adimjati Sevak Sang, New Delhi, in addition to other relevant people from Administration and other local based institutions. The delegates spent two days in the field visiting Jarawa and Sentinelese areas, trying to establish contact with them and studying their condition, life-style and behaviour.

Formal deliberations of the Seminar were inaugurated by Hon'ble Lt. Governor in Megapode Nest lounge on 9th of December, 1995. Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Manoranjan Bhakta, was also present. The deliberations concluded on 10th of December, 1995.

The participants unanimously agreed that broadly the policy of slow and steady assimilation also known as the policy of "integration" should be adopted in respect of the Primitive Tribes, particularly the Jarawas and the Sentinelese. The avenues of development should be pursued within the broad frame-work of the 'Tribal Panchsheel' with emphasis on the implementation part of it where all kinds of implications as well as precautions are to be adhered in the best interest of the tribals.

All the experts were unanimously of the view that our present understanding of the Jarawa society was not sufficient enough to warrant any long-term policy measures at this juncture. It was, therefore, suggested that a six months' pilot project should be carried out to have more and deeper insight into the socio-cultural, material, health, nutritional and language aspects of the Jarawa tribe. For the purpose, the experts suggested the following steps :