234

After treatment he was returned to his tribal habitat. However, as a result, he did become a source of information for his fellow tribesmen on the outside world, and this has manifested itself during the last one year in that large number of Jarawas began appearing at non-tribal locations at Uttara Jetty in Middle Andaman, and from August, 1998 onwards in Tirur Police Post in South Andaman Island. On all such occasions they were returned to the forest, after giving them gifts such as coconuts and bananas. In the month of September, 1998 nearly 15 Jarawas including women and children were found at Middle Andaman in seriously sick condition. Some of them appeared to have respiratory problems, while others had acute dehydration problems. These sick Jarawas were transported to the GB Pant Hospital in Port Blair and treated for nearly three weeks. Once they were restored to normal health, they were escorted back to their habitat in the forests. After these two incidents of medical treatment, no other attempt at fraternisation of the Jarawas was initiated by the Administration except for the contact teams periodically visiting their areas as has been the practice over the last 25 years. It may be mentioned here that Shri Enmay and Smti Enmay had also been introduced to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee at Port Blair on 31st December, 1998 and again on 1st January, 1999.

From the month of September, 1998 onwards large numbers of Jarawas, including women and children began to appear at Tirur outpost in South Andaman, and also along the