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10. Regarding the suggestions made in the representation, the comments furnished as under: -

- i) Jarawas are nomadic primitive tribes and they do not stay at one place. With the help of Forest Department a hut is constructed at Lakra Lungta but the Jarawas do not stay in that hut. They also do not stay in one place. The idea of their settlement like Onges and Great Andamanese is pre-mature. Moreover, it has been experienced that such settlements are not much beneficial for the primitive tribes. When the primitive tribes are settled in one place, they come in contact with the civilians and as a result they pick up the evils of the civilised society. For the welfare of the Jarawas, it is better for them to live in their own way which is very much essential for their survival. However, huts are being constructed with the help of Forest Department in the places where they come so that they may be given the gift items there itself and to send them back to their habitat immediately.
- ii) It is not advisable to give cooked rice to the Jarawas as it is experienced that when they were given cooked rice, they do not consume it at the same time and take away to jungle. If they eat the staled cooked rice, it will be a great health hazard for them. They are spread in groups in the jungles of South and Middle Andaman and we are taking efforts to locate their permanent habitat so that they may be given the suitable food items at their permanent habitat.