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- iii) The Jarawas are scattered in the forest of South Andaman and Middle Andaman and they are habitual of living without cloth. We have warned and appeal the people not to give them clothes. They live in their age old natural way of life and do not wear clothes. Moreover, they are not aware of washing and wearing the clothes. Unless they are educated about the hygienic system of wearing cloth, at present it is not advisable to provide them clothes. However, whenever we contact the Jarawas we present them pieces of cotton red cloth. They use it for making neckband, headbands and waistbands.
- iv) Regarding medical aids to Jarawas, it is stated that at Lakra Lungta, the Medical Officer-in-charge, Kadamtala regularly visit the Jarawa area for medical check-up of Jarawas and the Jarawas who found seriously ill are evacuated to PHC, Kadamtala, the nearest Primary Health Centre. More serious medical cases are refer to GB Pant Hospital at Port Blair headquarters for better treatment.
- v) Regarding suggestion at para - 5 to teach them Hindi language it is stated that we have entrusted the task of studying the languages of primitive tribes including Jarawas to Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. The linguist of CIIL, Mysore has already prepared the primer of Onges Great Andamanese and Shompens. A linguist, Dr. Raja Singh of Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has been working in this matter since 1996 to learn the Jarawa language and he was regularly camping at Kadamtala and Tirur to contact the Jarawas and to study the Jarawa language. He has completed the primary work. The