

alone constitute 26,000 while the remaining five together constitute 700.

(4). For the development and welfare of the Scheduled Tribes various Sectoral Departments of A&N Administration implement Plan Schemes. Apart from these Govt. Departments there is an autonomous organisation known as Andaman Adim Jana Jathi Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) under the Chairmanship of the Lt. Governor of A&N Islands. This organisation is dedicated for the welfare of the Primitive Tribes of A & N Islands.

(5). The AAJVS has the Member of Parliament, tribal / public representatives and Heads of the various related Departments of the A&N Administration and representatives from various Ministries / Departments of Central Govt. like Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, All India Institute of Medical Science, and National Institute of Nutrition, Anthropological Survey of India, Central Institute of Indian Languages, NCERT, Zoological Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India as members.

(6). The aboriginal tribes particularly the primitive groups had been hostile to the out-siders since beginning. However over the decades all of them except the Sentinelese have shed their hostility. The Jarawa tribe is the latest to become friendly towards the others. The British Administration had started the practice Contact Expeditions to be-friend the hostile tribes. Such expeditions were continued by the A&N Administration also. Due to such efforts the first friendly contact with the hostile Jarawas of Middle Andaman Island was established in 1974.

(7). Further the Contact Expeditions were continued to consolidate the friendly relations with the Jarawas of Middle Andaman Island. Jarawas of South Andaman Island continued to profess hostility. They used to enter the villages mostly in the nights and attack the villagers, plunder the gardens etc. Such attacks were largely a retaliation to the poaching activities by the out siders. Jarawas of Middle Andaman Island mostly confined to the reserved forest tribal areas. However, some time they also used to enter the villages to