

(f) The Administration is aware of some proposals like shifting the Jarawas from their present habitat and to rehabilitate them on the isolated island to provide all modern facilities. Such approach is considered by the Administration as not an appropriate one because uprooting the people and attempting to rehabilitate them would have untold problems and miseries for the uprooted ones.

(g) It is not fair on the part of Government to remove the indigenous and aboriginal inhabitants from their abode where they have been living for centuries. Rehabilitation by way of providing everything to the self-reliant, vibrant, hunting and gathering tribes will make them as a docile, dependent, weak and susceptible for the exploitation and introduction of vices thereby leading ultimately to their decadence. The experience of the rehabilitation / settlement of Andmanese and Onges in these islands is an example which may have to be kept in view while tackling the Jarawa situation.

#### **Proposed Plan of Action :**

(12). The Jarawa issue is a unique which requires a very special care and attention not only from the Govt. machinery but the society as a whole in these Islands. The participation and involvement of the non-tribal people in sorting out the current issue relating to the Jarawa is necessary to implement the decisions / measures for the well being of Jarawas.

(13). In this connection a meeting was held at Raj Niwas under the chairmanship of Lt. Governor, A&N Islands on 4.3.99. It was attended by the Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, public representatives, representatives from the Political parties apart from the concerned Head of the Departments of A&N Administration and Central Govt. Departments.

(14). After detailed discussions in the meeting the following broad decisions were arrived at :-