

 Given the empowerment impacted through school the present children with bicultural sensibility would be better equipped to deal with issues of future security. Rice given through school could go long way in ensuring the formation of relations with Angs and department of AAJVS and TW.

Conclusion

 Let us consider rice not a as mere provisioning issue that would force them into mainstreaming or dependence on the rice that we provide forever. (Not to make them as bad colognes of Onges or Great Andamanese) but to counter the growing influence of the outsiders.

The suggestion of Prof. Pandya was seen in the department in the light of the existing Policy for the welfare of the Jarawas of Andaman Islands. A Policy on the Jarawa tribe has been notified in December, 2004 by the Central Govt. and A & N Administration. Copy of the Policy may be seen at page 1 to 4 / c. The Jarawa Policy provides various measures for the well being of the Jarawas the relevant paras in the context of the proposal of supply of rice to Jarawas are quoted below:-

"To conserve the ecology and environment of the Jarawa reserve territory and strengthen support system in order to enable the Jarawas pursue their traditional modes of subsistence and way of life" vide para II and sub para (iv) of the Jarawa Policy.

"The quality of intervention with Jarawas will be managed with care and sensitivity through suitably trained and reoriented personnel, in consultation with and evaluation by Anthropologists and Experts. The object will be to avoid dependency syndrome and to ensure their development as a vibrant social group......" vide para III (I) (c) of the Jarawa Policy.

In the 39th Executive Council meeting held on 17.3.2015, one of the agenda item was "Education of the Jarawas and Onges". Prof.Pandaya made a presentation on "*Grain for gain among the Anaholely Chaddas*". It was suggested in the meeting that a report shall be submitted by ANTRI by 31.7.2015 on the impact of steps taken for education vis-a-vis the Jarawa Policy 2004 and need of provisioning of grains to wean away the Jarawas depending on the settler population at page 5 to 10/C.

In the wake of the prevailing Policy prescription, the advice of the Central Government (Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs) to introduce the supply of rice to the Jarawas through the school going children would be required.

Submitted for consideration and further orders please.

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