

Minutes of the meeting of Expert Committee on Jarawas which met on 5.4.2002 at 3.30 p.m. at Raj Niwas, Port Blair

1. The following were present: -

- i. Shri N.N. Jha, Lt. Governor, Convenor
- ii. Shri K.B. Saxena, Former Secretary to Govt. of India, Member
- iii. Shri R.K. Bhattacharya, Director, Anthropological Survey of India , Member.
- iv. Prof. Indira Chakravathy, Professor & Head of Public Health, Hygiene and Nutrition, Member.
- v. Shri S.A. Awaradi, Director, Tribal Welfare, Member
- vi. Dr. (Smti.) Namita Mohd Ali, Director of Health Services, Member

2. At the outset, the Director (TW) briefed the members present about the preliminary discussions held on 4.4.2002 and 5.4.2002. Thereafter the Committee decided the following :-

3. The second phase of survey could start with effect from 12.4.2002 and three technical persons from All India Institute of Public Health and Hygiene may also be inducted into the Composite Group along with other members of the team.

4. All the Members of the Composite Group will have medical screening in the G.B. Pant Hospital to ensure that no communicable disease is introduced into the Jarawa area.

5. Equipment needed for diet and nutritional survey during the second phase will be provided by Prof. Indira Chakravathy from her Institute on loan basis. If the equipment are not readily available, the same shall be procured by her from the market, the cost of which will be borne by AAJVS. Director of Health Services will furnish the list of equipment to Prof. Indira Chakravathy.

6. There shall be a Control Room in the Directorate of Tribal Welfare with a dedicated telephone number and an Attendant during the second phase of survey among the Jarawas,

7. The questionnaires for health, nutrition and other subjects were discussed during the preliminary meetings and certain refinements have been suggested. Accordingly the questionnaires for the second phase of survey be modified and given to the Composite Groups.

8. A refinement in the technique in the resources survey (plants and animals) in Jarawas areas to understand the choice of the food items by the Jarawas was also discussed and accordingly the refined technique will be adopted during the second phase of study.

9. Director, Anthropological Survey of India will depute anthropologists including women anthropologists to undertake the study during the intervening periods of survey that is being conducted by the Composite Groups.

10. The format prepared by Dr. Chakravathy, Deputy Director, ANSI was adopted by the Committee as the guidelines for the integration of reports prepared by various sub-sectoral disciplines subject to the condition