

monsoon period in order to enable to arrive at scientifically acceptable conclusions in respect of nutritional status, morbidity, mortality and other related health and nutrition aspects among the Jarawas in all the seasons of the year including post-monsoon season.

- 3.8 The Members of the Expert Committee felt that it would be desirable to identify the specific issues and sub-issues, questions, sub-questions to facilitate writing the report. The issues and sub-issues were framed with the help of Officers of Anthropological Survey of India and were deliberated in detail with the members of the Expert Committee. The same will be elaborated later in the minutes.
- 4 Hon'ble Lt. Governor asked the Coordinators of the three Composite Groups to outline the work done by them in the field and coordinators and members of the composite team explained the position.
- 5 Lt. Governor mentioned that it was necessary to conduct the survey covering all the Jarawa bands as far as possible and the collection of the data was to be scientifically carried out otherwise inadequate and inaccurate data might emerge leading to wrong conclusions. If need be, the gaps in the data collection could be rectified in subsequent surveys or by cross checking.
- 6 Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Ali, Director of Health Services, Professor Indira Chakraborty of All India Institute of Public Health and Hygiene and Shri Parimal Bose, ACF, Forest Department also explained about the work done by them during the first phase. It was explained that there would be specific norms and indices particular to a community like Jarawas which could be studied by the professional researchers in the field of Health and Nutrition.
- 7 Shri K. B. Saxena while referring to the detailed discussion held on 28.1.2002 and 29.1.2002 mentioned that deficiency / gaps, if any, in gathering the information while staying in the field should be made good otherwise we may run the risk of reaching wrong conclusion. If needed, the officials connected with the nutrition survey be trained thoroughly and can be sent to the field again to verify the factual position of the data collected during the first phase.
- 8 He further mentioned that the Health and Nutritional survey with regard to the Jarawa of Tirur area which was not carried out during first phase needed to be looked into and it would be