

major barrier between the Jarawas and others. Shri Saxena said that he held this view strongly. If others differ with him, he specifically mentioned that his opinion should be recorded categorically. It was so agreed.

14. Shri Saxena also mentioned that the interaction of the non-tribals with the Jarawas along the ATR would have to be strictly regulated. He mentioned that tourists and even officials from the mainland have strong desire to meet the Jarawas. Dr. P. K. Bhattacharaya of AnSI mentioned that large number of high officials and VIPs are taken to see Jarawas and was of the opinion that this "Jarawa Tourism" needs to be curbed.
15. There were differences in perception between the DHS and the AIIPH&H on the responsibilities of each of them with regard to the survey, analysis and writing of the reports on the nutritional aspects of the Jarawas. After detailed discussions it was decided that the nutritional survey could be very conveniently done by deploying suitable officials of the Directorate of Health Services who could be, again trained by officials of AIIPH&H. The required staff for this purpose would be deployed by the DHS and the training in the field as well as in the analysis of the data would be imparted by the All India Institute of Public Hygiene and Health.
16. Shri K. B. Saxena mentioned that it would be useful to involve Anthropologists of international repute in the study of the Jarawas and to help the Expert Committee in understanding the problems of the Jarawas and make suggestions thereto. Further, Shri Saxena requested that the Director, AnSI may express his opinion in the matter.
17. Dr. R. K. Bhattacharya, Director, AnSI mentioned that it may not be necessary to seek the help of foreign Anthropologists since there are Anthropologists in India who enjoy a very high reputation in anthropological research.
18. As desired by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the large number of letters received by the Union Home Minister and the Lt. Governor from citizens of various countries expressing the concern and views on the welfare of the Jarawas were placed before the Expert Committee. The matter was discussed and since the content of the letters were by and large similar, it was decided that a draft reply could be attempted by the Admn explaining the factual position, take approval of the Expert Committee and then place the same in the website of A&N Admn.