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**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**  
**DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES**

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Port Blair dated the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2003

Dear Doctor,

Consequent on the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court, Kolkata bench at Port Blair on the welfare of the primitive tribe, Jarawa of Andaman, in case No. WP/48 of 1999, a multi-disciplinary survey team was formed under the supervision of expert committee constituted for the purpose mentioned above by the Home Ministry, Govt. of India. The multi-disciplinary study group consisted of Anthropological Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata, Environment & Forest and Directorate of Health Services, A&N Admn., After the completion of a year long survey of the Jarawa tribe at 3 locations in Andaman district, the sector wise report were combined into one report covering mainly the following 3 aspects:-

1. Culture and behavioural change.
2. Resources available to Jarawas.
3. Health and nutrition of Jarawas.

In the year long health survey report the following specific issues were identified for further research.

1. High prevalence of Hbs Ag among the Jarawas.
2. High prevalence of Heptao-splenomegaly among the Jarawas.
3. Study of etiology and prevention of recurrent RTI among the Jarawas.
4. Immunology status of Jarawas and impact of modern medicine.
5. High prevalence of skin infection.
6. Standardization of medical treatment of the common ailments and drug regimen thereof considering their socio-cultural situation.

The expert committee in its meeting has decided to hold a workshop/orientation programme for the doctors of A&N Admn. treating Jarawas for the standardization of medical treatment of the common ailments of Jarawas and drug regimen thereof considering their peculiar socio-cultural status.

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