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31	<p>One Jarawa tribe namely- Vahame aged about 22 yrs. while collecting honey from a branch of tree at Spike Island, fallen down on 16.03.2001 causing multiple fracture and cervical bone injury leading to paraplegia. The fellow tribes by some means reached Middle Strait and informed the officials of AAJVS about the accident. Plantation-in-Charge with police party rush to the spot in engine dinghy and evacuated the patient to Primary Health Centre Kadamtala. The patient was immediately shifted to G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair and he was admitted in the surgical ward. Director of Health services and doctor attending the patient discussed with specialist of Dr. Ram Chandra Medical College Chennai over phone and sought line of treatment. The emergency medicine required was also brought from Chennai by making special arrangements. The condition of the patient was such that he requires immediate neurological operation to save the life.</p>
32	<p>Director of Health services sought approval from the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A &amp; N Islands for the treatment of the patient at Dr. Ram Chandra Medical College Chennai and accordingly, arrangements were made for evacuation of the patient.</p>
33	<p>Since Jarawa are Primitive Tribes expenses relating to treatment at Chennai to the extent of Rs. 1.5 lakh will be borne out of National Illness Assistance Fund of Director of Health services. The remaining expense if any, has to be borne by the AAJVS. Earlier in similar such cases for the treatment of one Shompen tribe who has referred to Chennai for treatment, AAJVS has borne all the expenses to the tune of Rs. 4.00 lakh for treatment, air lifting and for other expenses.</p>
34	<p>The condition of the Jarawa patient was such that immediate surgery is required for the recovery. Hon'ble Lt. Governor visited the hospital on 18.03.2001 and inquired about the condition of the Jarawa patient. Expenditure relating to cost of operation, medicine and boarding if any exceeds beyond Rs. 1.5 lakh as stated above, will be met by the AAJVS and approval will be sought on submission of a bill by the Director of Health services in this regard afterwards.</p>