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	<p>Ref: Director (TW)'s observations at paras 11-14/n.</p>
(15)	<p>The staff nurse of Nursing Home of G.B Pant Hospital informed me over phone on 20.6.2001 in the morning that a Jarawa couple alongwith a male child aged 5 years admitted in the Special Ward, G.B Pant Hospital absconded. I immediately deputed Dr. Pranob Sirkar, Consultant of AAJVS to G.B Pant Hospital to find out the situation and locate the Jarawas. I also rushed to the hospital and contacted personally, the Doctor In-charge, Nursing Home, G.B Pant Hospital to find out as to how the Jarawa absconded. I was informed that they were available in the ward upto 6.30.a.m when the staff nurse visited them in the morning. Subsequently she was informed by somebody that the Jarawa couple alongwith the child was going away from the hospital. A ward boy hospital was reportedly detailed to find the Jarawas if they were around, but he could not locate them.</p>
(16)	<p>There were 3 DRMs namely- Shri Sarfuddin, Shri Raja and Shri Zubair deployed round the clock to look after the Jarawa patients. Shri Sarfuddin was on duty on 19.6.2001 from 8.00.p.m to 8.00.a.m next day. It was reported by the staff nurse that he was not available when the Jarawa patient left the hospital.</p>
(17)	<p>Dr. Pranob Sirkar, Consultant of AAJVS alongwith commander jeep AN 8380 was immediately deployed to locate the Jarawa in Port Blair. They searched whole Port Blair town but he could not locate them. Subsequently somebody informed that they had boarded STS bus bound for Kadamtala. He tried to chase the bus to catch hold of the Jarawas, but he could not do so as the bus had gone far ahead. However, when he reached Jirkatang, he was informed by In-charge JPP, Jirkatang that the Jarawa couple alongwith the child were collected from STS bus and sent to PHC, Kadamtala by a truck accompanied by escorts. They reached PHC, Kadamtala and admitted at 10.30.a.m. This was confirmed over phone from a AAJVS worker attached to PHC, Kadamtala yesterday at 2.45.p.m.</p>
(18)	<p>With regard to deployment of staffs to look after the Jarawas when they are admitted to hospital, it is submitted that we cannot depend much on Daily Rated Mazdoor, as they are not expected to be as sincere and responsible as regular staff. So instead DRMs we may deployed regular class IV staff namely- Shri Ram Nath Singh and Shri Appa Rao round the clock when the Jarawas or other tribals are admitted to GB Pant Hospital.</p>