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To

The Executive Secretary,
AAJVS
Port Blair

Sub: Jarawa patient with family went out of G.B Pant Hospital and shifted safely to Primary Health Centre Kadamtala as an action taken- reg

Sir,

I humbly draw your very immediate attention on the following case that -

Today i.e. 20/6/2001 at around 6.30 AM a Jarawa namely Mameun with his patient wife and 5 years old male child went out of the G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair where he was admitted with his own will under non-discharged condition. During his leaving the hospital no AAJVS staff was on duty at the spot. As prescribed three AAJVS staffs are presently appointed to look after the Jarawa patients in different time shifts viz. 0800 hrs to 0200 hrs, 0200 hrs to 20:00 hrs and 20:00 hrs to 0800 hrs. The staff who was assigned the duty for 20.00 hrs to 0800 hrs did not wait on the day of incident for the reliever (staff for 0800 hrs to 0200 hrs) to come. Before the advent of the reliever the staff of night duty went to home leaving the Jarawas alone. The Jarawa couple after their leaving the hospital hiding all eyes was first seen at around 6.45 AM near Islet Hotel of Aberdeen Bazaar by an informant. I was informed telephonically by the Executive Secretary at my residence at around 8.00 AM about the unpleasant incident occurred. Immediately I rushed to the hospital and found that the information was correct. I went by my scooter upto Corbyns cove along with seashore road and the Jarawa couple was not found unfortunately. After my return to the G.B Pant Hospital, Executive Secretary came and investigated the case. Soon after with Anthony LVD and an AAJVS staff shri Sharfuddin I searched the Jarawas at all probable places and finally we got information that the Jarawas somehow entered the Bus terminus, Port Blair and boarded on B-2 STS Bus which was to ply for Kadamtala. The actual departure time of the bus was around 0600 hrs but on the day it got late to leave. Myself with the said AAJVS staffs rushed by our Jeep {no. AN 01 A 8380} in chase of the bus. Amazingly the Jarawas too were belonging to the habitat {Dhaninallah} of Kadamtala area. Despite speedy run of our jeep we failed to catch the bus. We reached around 1100 hrs at JPP outpost of Jirkatang no.2 and found that the Jarawas were from Jirkatang No.2 taken by Police Patrolling party in their truck for Middle Strait.

Sir this case exposes many things for their close reassessment. I submitted a letter few days back about the ward condition of the G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair where the Jarawas patients are admitted and the services provided with them. The condition of the two wards where the Jarawa are admitted are worst and grim. The banana and fish (250 from per head) to serve to the Jarawa patients as prescribed by Shri B.N.Das a tenderer were stopped to be given to the Jarawa patients since 12th May 2001. About the irregular services of the tenderer and non-availability of banana and fish for the Jarawas I submitted my report earlier. I predict with confidence that