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under such condition such incident as happened on this day will repeat of course. The Jarawas in their own language usually tell "Pobe medica biti biti" means Port Blair Medical is very bad.

The basic reason I find behind the Jarawas 'leaving the G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair escaping from all eyes is that they were not provided with banana and fish. They have to wait for lunch and dinner time to come for receiving of hospital's free meal (Rice, fish cooked with oil and spices, Dal and cooked spiced vegetables). It is important to consider that the Jarawas are animistic in nature. Whenever they feel hunger they eat. They have no concept of lunch and dinner like that of us.

Finally I submit my few suggestions to avoid such incidents at G.B Pant Hospital.

1. Banana and fish on a prescribed scale should be provided with the Jarawa patients regularly.

2. Oily and spiced items should be stopped to be given to them as such practice may damage the natural dietary system of the ancient Jarawa race.

3. The staffs of AAJVS at G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair should work under a competant person by order of the Executive Secretary, AAJVS

4. Tenderer(s) should be imediately fixed to serve banana fish and cloth to the Jarawa patients at the hospital.

Thanking you

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Yours faithfully

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