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Supher Para -5-No. However, the above 3 DRMs are reported to have learnt the Jarawa languages as they have been working for the Jarawas for quiet sometime. So they can be useful in administering welfare sures for the Jarawas in the field. In this connection it may be mentioned the Inspector JPP, Tirur informed at the meeting convened by S.P. Andamans District on 13.6.2001 that only 3 daily rated workers are posted at Middle Strait and they are not sufficient to handle the Jarawas when they come in large number. Therefore strength of the daily rated workers at Middle Strait need to be increased. With regard to irregularity in supply of food, clothes etc. to the Jarawas admitted to the hospital, it is submitted that Shri B.N Das was awarded contract for supply of banana and fish for a period of one year. His contract expired on 31.3.2001. However, he continued to supply fish and banana at the old approved rates upto 12.5.2000 as the fresh tenders for supply of food, clothes etc. to the Jarawas was in process. Shri B.N Das As per the fresh tenders finalised by AAJVS in June, 2001-2002, Shri B.N Das is the lowest in respect of the following items - bread, fish and half pant for age - group of 10-20 years and 20 years & above. I was verbally told that the Jarawas have not been supplied fish, banana while in hospital as per verbal instructions of the Executive Secretary, AAJVS after 12th May onwards as they were getting good food from hospital. With regard to supply of T.Shirts and half pant etc., I am told that Shri B.N Das was given order for supply of clothes (T.Shirts and half pant) at the old approved rates i.e., the rates which were applicable during the financial year 2000-2001. When he delivered the cloths a few items of cloths were found of inferior quality, so they were returned. He has not yet replaced them. In fact, we do not require those clothes now. The supplier has not yet prefer the bill towards supply of the clothes. In fact, the supplier is directed to prefer bills for the items of clothes that have been accepted by us. So far as the any unhygienic condition of the special ward where the Jarawas are admitted, I am told that the Consultant, AAJVS had brought it to the notice of medical

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staff, but to no effect. However, the following articles namelyphynile, dettol, bleaching powder etc. have been issued by AAJVS for sanitation of the ward. However, we may send a formal letter to DHS to maintain the Jarawa ward in G.B Pant