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The above note indicates that there is an urgent need to streamline the functioning of AAJVS in general and with respect to its responsibilities to take care of Jarawa patients admitted in the GB Pant Hospital in particular. The argument that the DRMs are not expected to be sincere compared to regular staff may not be always correct. The problems may not be sorted out by posting regular staff in place of DRMs only. What is required is assigning clear responsibilities and strict supervision by superior officers and stringent action against the persons who fail to deliver their duties. In the instant case, it has not been stated as to what action has been proposed against the DRM who has failed to deliver his duties.

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Once the Jarawa patients are admitted to the hospital, the supply of food etc. may be guided by the instructions of concerned officials of AAJVS because of their special food habits and taste. Instead of waiting for lunch time and dinner time what is required is to give food whenever they want. Steps may be taken to ensure regular supply of food of their taste. The finalisation of tender is not enough and what is required is the actual delivery of food items to Jarawas.

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As far as hygienic conditions of the hospital are concerned, the matter has to be taken up with the Hospital Authorities on a continuing basis with seriousness. Director (TW) and staff of AAJVS should be in regular contact with hospital authorities to ensure hygienic conditions in the places of stay of the Jarawas. The whole issue needs to be streamlined with laid down responsibilities with frequent and adequate inspection/visit at higher level.

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The Director (TW) in consultation with Executive Secretary, AAJVS may suggest an action plan to improve the delivery of developmental efforts.



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