

TOUR REPORT

In obedience to DHS order No. 2978 dated 21/8/2001 I have proceeded to Kadamtala Via ATR on 22/8/01 at 6. AM alongwith following specialists and officials:

- 1) Dr. Alok Sinha, Consultant (Medicine)
- 2) M.D. Goswami, Senior Gynaecologist.
- 3) Dr. A. P. Bardwaj, (Paediatrician)
- 4) Shri. S.A. Awaradi, Director (Tribal Welfare)
- 5) Shri. Ranjan Mukherji, Anthropological Survey of India.

On the way to Kadamtala, the team has first visited PHC Tushnabad at 0700 AM and found 13 Jarawas in the Jarawa Ward of PHC Tushnabad. Out of 13 Jarawas, 3 Children and 2 adults are found to be suffering from upper respiratory tract infection. These patients are examined in detail by the specialists and advised further investigation and management. Out of the 13 Jarawas from Tirur area, 2 children aged about 2 years and 5 years of a family was found to be malnourished. The team proceeded to Kadamtala via ATR. On the ATR beyond R.K. Nallah, a group of Jarawas from Tirur area was found in small hutments along side the road. On our arrival around 0900 AM we have found that there are 35 Jarawas and most of them are children and ladies. We also found one old couple inside the hut and all of them were in the process of eating pig meat and honey. In this group 2 ladies and 3 children are found to be suffering from upper respiratory tract infection, one child has pain abdomen and another 3 children had fungal infection of the skin. The specialist team has thoroughly examined all the Jarawa patients at the huts and advised specialized treatment to be given to them by the pharmacist at their habitat on daily basis from Middle Street and accordingly the pharmacist with medicines is sent to the Jarawa habitat from Middle Street.

The team also had a stop over at Potatang (forest Camp), it was a unanimous opinion of all the six members of the team considering the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court that as far as possible medical aid should be given to the Jarawas at their habitat to prevent the mixing of Jarawas with the general population. The team has inspected the site where a PHC Structure can be built for the hospitalization of the Jarawas and the Potatang was found to be very near to their habitat and also having their original environment where they may feel at home and also away from the general population.

The team further proceeded to PHC Kadamtala and on reaching PHC Kadamtala, went to Jarawa hut and seen 45 Jarawas out of this only 4 adults and 3 children had signs and symptoms of upper respiratory tract infection. Rest of the Jarawas are already discharged by the Medical Officer Incharge, PHC Kadamtala as they are cured. After the examination and expert advise to the Jarawas, the team has visited the Spike Island by engine dinghy through the creek from Uttara Jetty. The team has identified elevated area near sea shore and near a perennial water source