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existing locations. The matter was discussed in detail and it was suggested that Bush Police Post at Tirur No.IV may also be removed. The Working Group has recommended for shifting of 3 forest camps out of the 8 and similarly recommended for shifting of 2 PWD camps out of the total of 4, which was agreed to.

Dr. Bhupinder Singh mentioned that any decision of increase in Jarawa territory has to be done keeping in mind the observations of Calcutta High Court and the Supreme Court and the legal aspects. Chief Secretary observed that the acceptance of the recommendation of the Working Group would be beneficial to the Jarawas as it would result in increase of not only the forest area but also sea-area for fishing thereby improving the food security for the Jarawas. It was mentioned that the Administration has taken up modification of the order of Supreme Court relating to the recommendations of the Sekhar Singh Commission regarding ATR road. As ordered by High Court of Calcutta, the reserve area will be clearly demarcated to enable the non-tribals to understand the boundaries.

Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad while speaking on the welfare of the Jarawas suggested to explore the possibilities of providing food etc. to the Jarawas by the Administration. He further observed that funds to meet such food requirement should not be a problem for Govt. Smti. Preetam Kumari Nanda, Chairperson of Social Welfare Advisory Board suggested that the Jarawas could be imparted training in handicrafts. Hon'ble Lt. Governor observed that it is essential to understand the pros and cons of any new interventions among Jarawas as they may have far reaching consequence on their day to day life and culture.

After further discussion, the General Body **resolved to accept the report of the Working Group (Annexure-II) with the only modification relating to the closure of JPP Tirur camp No.IV. The reserve area may be demarcated suitably. Effective measures may**