

16. So far as medical services for the group are concerned, there are two aspects which will need to be distinguished, viz, the service to be provided to the Group on the spot and the technical and research support which may require necessary infrastructure at higher levels. It was agreed that one doctor will have to be permanently posted at Hut Bay. It would be preferable if a couple could be posted with the lady acting as a nurse. The Chairman pointed out that the other complements of the medical team which was proposed by the Samiti took note of the requirement of other primitive groups as well. The Shompens also need medical services. Similarly, once we establish contact with the Jarawas they will also require medical support. The team which has been suggested by the Samiti, therefore, could provide a medical service to the primitive tribal community in the Union Territory.

or Hut Bay. In view of the greater coverage which is proposed for the specialised medical support their location could be decided keeping in view the overall operational considerations.

17. The Chairman has already taken steps to find a suitable social worker and medical personnel. He would welcome personal contact with medical institution by other members to get suitable services for these areas.

Jarawas

18. The Chairman reviewed the progress made in the effort to further contact the Jarawas. In the last few months the Group has been further contacted. The Chief Commissioner has also asked the APWD Department to suggest clear demarcation of the boundaries of Jarawas reserve. With the temporary suspension of the construction of Andaman Grand Trunk Road, the Jarawas are reported to be seen moving about in the area from where they had earlier withdrawn. In the last one year only 2 incidents were reported. In one case, a labourer was found shot by an arrow. The fact that he was killed by the arrow of a Jarawa has not been established. In another case, there was retaliation by the Jarawas against poaching in their reserve. But for these two occurrences, there have been no other incidents.

19. The Chairman outlined the policy of and inviolable reserve boundary for the Jarawas on the land side and continued effort of contacting them from the sea side. He was, however, doubtful about the possibility of leading a team on the Jarawas territory for a longer spell of contact. He was of the view that the Jarawas still approach the boats when they reach the shore in a rather mixed mood. Perhaps, the tribal memory of ship-wrecks continues and there is a tendency