

- Preparation of status papers, instructions and questionnaire/manual.

DHS has prepared a status paper. A draft questionnaire has been prepared by DHS concerning health aspects. Since Doctors will be members of the Composite Group, draft instructions may not be necessary.

- Providing of questionnaire/manual on nutrition aspect of Jarawas.

Draft questionnaire is ready. Since Doctors are going to be associated questionnaire/instructions may not required to be prepared.

- ASI to prepare status report on available information of Jarawas and also to provide guidelines and approach papers for the Composite Group including draft instructions and draft questionnaire.

Status report by ASI is under preparation. Questionnaire and draft instructions are ready. ASI is of the opinion that separate guidelines are not required to be prepared since Professional Anthropologists are going to be involved in the team.

Hon'ble Lt Governor had written to Secretary (Culture), Govt of India requesting for cooperation from ASI in this regard.

The Hon'ble Lt Governor has also requested Director, AIIMS to depute experts to discuss the various issues relating to health matters and administration of medicines among Jarawas. Since the approach papers in this regard are not yet ready, as desired by DHS, the team will be required to be to Port Blair only towards third week of November 2001.

I have written to Central Institute of Indian Languages also to provide required assistance and that institute has promised all assistance.

In the present meeting, the Committee has to finalise the questionnaire, composition of the team, schedule of commencement of work, next meeting of the Committee, date of completion of work of composite team etc.