- 5. Shri P. K. Battacharya of Anthropological Survey of India explained in the Committee that it is necessary to train the members of the Composite Group before they proceed to field. He suggested that the field work / study of the Jarawas could be in three phases to cover all the seasons in a year. Dr. Battacharay mentioned that the Anthropologist in the Composite Group should be designated as Coordinator rather than leader. He suggested for tents for the use by the Research teams in the field.
- 6. Dr. (Mrs.) Namtia Ali, DHS explained about the morbidity pattern among the Jarawa and the questionnaire prepared by her on the health aspect of the Jarawas. She has also suggested that the study of the Jarawas should be in three phases to cover all the seasons in a year.
- 7. Professor Indira Chakraborthy of All India Institute of Hygiene and Public health dealt in detail the questionnaire prepared by her on the nutrition aspect. She mentioned that it is necessary to provide funds for the officials / Officers of her Institute to travel to Andamans to provide expert guidance to the members of the Composite Group and train them.
- 8. Shri S. A. Awaradi, Director (Tribal Welfare) suggested for the periodical review of the work being done by the Composite Group in the field. Doubts if any encountered by the Composite Group also need to be cleared by the Expert Committee.
- 9. The funds required for the Expert Committee and the related matters needs to be worked out and the same is to be informed to the Government of India. The Central Government is required to meet the financial requirement in accordance with the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. The sanction of the budget / allocation of the funds by the Central Govt. may take some time but funds would be required urgently as projected by Professor Indira Chakraborthy of All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health.
- 10. The Director (TW) mentioned that the Government of India releases funds under Special Central Assistance to the Administration to meet the expenses towards various developmental activities among all Schedule Tribes including for the welfare of the Primitive Tribes. AAJVS gets the funds under Special Central Assistance as grant-in-aid released by A&N Administration. During the current year Grant-in aid out of Special Central Assistance has already been released to the AAJVS as first installment. To meet the immediate requirement of the Expert Committee the fund available with the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti could be utilized and the same could be reimbursed to AAJVS when the Government of India allocates funds for Expert Committee. A reference to above effect could be made to the Government of India for necessary action.