

To,

The Executive Secretary
AAJVS
Port Blair



Sub: Improper supply of medicines to Jarawas-reg.

Sir,

I am to state that on 18th August 2012 Shri. Sapan Howladar, Janjati Sevak AAJVS reported to me that one Jarawa lady named Echenga W/o Thenmee R/o Dhani Nallah, Kadamtala was administering medicine (Moxikind syrup 10 ml) to her three month old child by use of a already used syringe. On this Shri. Sapan asked the Jarawa why she is giving this much quantity of syrup, she replied that her child will be cured soon. She said that the Pharmacist Smti. Sriti Sarkar visited the camp on 17th August 2012, handing over the drugs to the Jarawa mother and directed to provide 10ml of syrup. 10 ml syrup is a very high dose for a new born baby.

On reporting, self along with Shri. Debrata Mondal and Sapan Howladar, Janjati Sevaks visited the Dhani Nallah camp on 19/08/2012 and 21/08/2012 and found the following medicines with the Jarawas:-

1)	Shri. Tahapad	-	Wikroyal, CETZY (Syrup)
2)	Shri Thamame	-	NTZ, Cefixime
3)	Shri Edahane	-	Amoxicillin
4)	Shri. Lule	-	Wikorly
5)	Shri Titaha	-	Wikorly, Cefpodoxine
6)	Smti. Kulum	-	Wikorly, Domperidone (Expiry date over)
7)	Shri. Thujale	-	Wikorly, Cefpodoxine
8)	Shri. Incho	-	NTZ, Amoxicillin Tab PCM, Amoxicillin
9)	Smti. Totachubie	-	PCM cough syrup
10)	Smti. Echanga	-	Fifol, Vitamin B Complex
11)	Smti. Wakkom	-	Wikorly

Maximum medicines were old stock and already used and damaged. Bad smell could be felt from the medicines which were provided to these Jarawas more than 2 month ago at Lakra Lungta an Dhani Nallah.

Self asked the Jarawa about the usage of the medicines NTZ, he replied that this medicine is used for fever and to be provided twice a day, whereas the medicine is for diarrhoea. Another Jarawa was asked about use of Wikorly, he replied it was to be consumed for wound and cut but the medicine is only for anti fever (paediatric). On 24th August 2012, one Jarawa Shri. Mamul reached Bamboo Tikery and informed that his three year old child was suffering from fever and vomiting. The child had to be brought to PHC Kadamtala for treatment. On inquiry, the Jarawa informed that child was given over dose of syrup as directed by the Pharmacist and the condition of child become worse.

This shows that the Pharmacist is very careless and negligent about her responsibility. If this continues, the life of Jarawa is at stake. She was requested, informed and even warned many times not to handover medicines to the Jarawas for stocking, but she should visit the camp daily and administer the drugs as per the health condition and age of the patient.

It is my humble request to kindly transfer her from Kadamtala and post on some other PTG area. We can manage without her services at Kadamtala. The services of Pharmacist available at PHC Kadamtala may be utilized for this purpose. All our Janjati Sevaks have been trained by the Directorate of Health Services and ICMR and WHO for first aid and IMNCI

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

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