

their simple technology. Many times we come across to information that the jarawas have done such and such misdeeds. But my question is why they are doing so? Are we also responsible for this?

This is a real reflection of the present scenario that some tribes especially some of the Jarawas are coming out of the forest and mixing with different population groups and accept many items from the settlers, which may cause them health hazards.

Majority of forest and resource rich areas are adjacent to the jurisdiction of panchayats and zilaparishad authorities. As far as the same is concerned in Andamans, there are some other functionaries such as Department of Environment and Forest and a special body called Andaman Aadim Janjathi Vikas Samiti of A&N Administration meant exclusively for undertaking welfare activities of these tribes. AAJVS is doing their best in ensuring the peaceful coexistence of tribes scattered in different areas with other population groups. It is a conspicuous fact that this organization alone cannot fulfill the objective or the desired goal and all should come forward for the protection of these tribes and their habitats for the betterment of our environment and the society at large. The involvement of Public Health authorities is also a dire need as it seems that the major cause of the dwindling populations of the tribes is malnutrition and inadequate public health measures. The interaction of the general public should