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- (i) The first and the foremost important is providing health care to Jarawas. Since the Jarawas are still nomadic and hunter, gatherers, their contact with the non-tribals till few years back was very limited, hence it is apprehended that with this continue contact with non-tribals, the tribals will be badly affected by new diseases. The diseases like measles, Respiratory Tract Infection and Malaria were treated and it is significant report that there is no death among the Jarawas. The history of the primitive tribes reports that whenever such tribes were contacted, their population has gone down drastically due to the new diseases but things were not allowed to occur in respect of the Jarawas. Even the International Body has acclaimed the efforts of the Administration made in the field of health care to these tribes.
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- (ii) The second issue concerned to the Jarawa is indiscriminate mixing with the non-tribals. In this direction to avoid mixing of the tribes with the non-tribals, Administration has setup Mobile Surveillance Unit at three different places viz. Tirur, R. K. Nallah and Kadamtala. These Mobile Surveillance Unit are visiting the Jarawa area and contacting the Jarawas, assessing their requirement and providing gift items on every alternate days. The gift items includes of Banana, Coconut and in some occasions iron implements like Dao and Spade. The Coconut and Banana is provided as supplementary requirements of diet since their staple food staples is wild bore, honey, tubers, roots, fish, mollusks and other marine items. The Jarawas are not given the junk foods since they are not habituated for such food items. But it's a fact that the tourists are giving these items clandestinely to the Jarawas and the Administration is trying to contain the gifts giving by the tourists.

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It is experienced that many times Jarawas come to the villages for a fun and not for any requirement. Such raids to the villages is a part of their games. Due to the sincere efforts made by the Administration number of such raids is reduced. To avoid the contact, the vehicles, plying through ATR is regulated and the vehicles are allowed to pass through in a convoy duly escorted by the Police security. The Administration is also displayed caution notices in the form of DOs & DONTs and erected at conspicuous places to avoid contact with the Jarawas.