sanctioned by a specific Delegation of Financial Powers and no money is spent without approved by the Competent Authority. Even all the expenditures are audited annually and the audited statement of expenditure is sent to Administration. Pay & Accounts Officer of the Administration is given the charges to monitor expenditures.

Apart from this, the Administration is receiving numerous suggestions from the villagers residing adjacent to the Jarawa territory and even from departments who are handling the Jarawa to supply gift items at a large scale. The contention of such representation is that by supplying gift items Jarawa will not come to contact points and there will be no problem. This issue is very crucial and needs to be implemented very carefully. Supply of gift items in large quantity will make the tribes dependant and in long run such dependency will loose the vitality and self-esteem of the tribes. They will forgo their traditional activities and folk around the contact points to get the gift items.

The Administration is receiving number of representations from the Western countries opposing the gift giving schemes and they advocate that the gift giving schemes will damage the traditional activities of the tribes. They suggested that the tribal reserve should be protected and the attempts made by the outsiders to penetrate into reserve area for hunting should be stopped and the area earmarked for the tribes should not shrink. It is pointed that if the tribes are not disturbed by the outsiders, the tribes can be saved from disease, exploitation and vices of the civilized society.

The foregoing paras indicates the efforts being made by the Administration to protect the interest of the Jarawas and to safeguard the traditional and socio-cultural life of these aborigines is in the right direction. The policy adopted by the Administration towards the Jarawas is of gradual integration and assimilation of tribes to the civilized society is opposed. This issues brought by the Khatoons Public Grievances Cell, which suggests practical methodology for the welfare of the tribes will definitely be taken care off.

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