

Note on inspection of Jarawa / Tribal Special Ward of GB Pant Hospital by Shri S. A. Awaradi, Director (TW) on 22.9.2001

- 1. The undersigned went to the G.B. Pant Hospital on 22.9.2001 around noon to see the Jarawas patients who have been admitted in the Special Ward. During the inspection the Officials of the AAJVS were present.
- 2. Following were observed in the Special Ward where the Jarawas have been admitted:
 - i. No lights in the toilet / bathroom.
 - ii. Commode in the toilet is not cleaned and found to be filled with night soil.
 - iii. Rooms were littered with food items and other garbage material.
 - iv. A tin bucket was kept in the verandah near the Jarawas special rooms as a dustbin. This dustbin was not closed and hence it was stinking.
 - v. Plates with left over food were piled up in the rooms and the flies were found on such items.
 - vi. Bakery bread supplied by the agent of AAJVS was not eaten by the Jarawas but kept in polythene bag in large number (12 No.). These bakery breads kept for so many days and consumed later may result in health hazards like food poisoning etc. If the breads are not being consumed by the Jarawas they should not have been given to them.
 - Old and torn mattresses were found in the Jarawas Special rooms. Jarawas do tear the bed sheets to get threads for making ornaments. Possibility of providing marine plywood on the cots in the hospital could be tried. This was discussed by the team of Specialists recently during their inspection tour to PHC Tushnabad and PHC Kadamtala. Such cots are already provided in the Adibasera by AAJVS in Port Blair.

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