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- 1. Following were observed in the Special Ward of G.B.Pant Hospital 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.
- vii. Old and torn mattresses were found in the Jarawa's 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.
- viii. Jarawas while coming to the hospital have brought a long cylindrical item which they use as pillow in the hospital even.
- 2. Visit to the Special Ward of the Jarwas may give an impression that Jarawa patients are not treated in par with other people, patients. It is reported that the hospital sweepers try to avoid cleaning the Jarawa rooms particularly toilets. (A kind of racist attitude among the so called civilized people)
- 3. AAJVS could provide some remuneration to the sweepers as an incentives for cleaning the Jarawa rooms properly.