

A doctor posted at PHC, Kadamtala was given the responsibility to take care of Jarawas. He alongwith para medical staff and staff from AAJVS, visits the Jarawa habitat regularly and provides medical care to the needy Jarawas. Those requiring more attention are evacuated to PHC, Kadamtala for treatment. In September '99 there was out break of measles among Jarawas. 136 Jarawas were treated at GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair and at PHC, Kadamtala without any loss of life. The other ailments from which Jarawas suffer are generally skin problems, bronchial pneumonia, food pipe infection, fever, cough and cold etc. All the Jarawas were sent back to their habitat after treatment. Due to constant health care given by the Medical Staff, the Jarawas are coming forward for medical treatment as and when they require it. Recently, a ten bedded Jarawa ward was inaugurated by Hon'ble Lientenant Governor, A&N Islands at PHC, Tushnabad to ensure medical care to the Jarawas near their habitat.

To prevent mixing of Jarawas with non-tribals, a chain of police out posts have been setup along the periphery of Jarawa tribal reserve. It also ensures non-exploitation of tribal reserve by non-tribals. To keep the Jarawas near their habitat, the A & N Administration has decided to setup staging posts in the Jarawa habitat where all the facilities like medical, food and water, education etc. shall be provided.

In order to render specialised advice to the administration, a Research and Development Cell has been established. A task Force / Core Group has also been setup to take necessary action to tackle the Jarawa situation from time to time in conformity with the broad policy decisions arrived at by the administration.

A Public Interest Litigation No. 48 of 1999 was filed by Miss Shyamali Ganguly, an advocate before the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta circuit bench at Port Blair praying therein to rehabilitate and to provide food and shelter to the Jarawas. The A & N Administration has filed an affidavit-in-opposition to the Public Interest Litigation in which the policy decisions and the various measures taken by administration regarding Jarawas have been put forward before the Hon'ble Court. The policy of the administration is to allow gradual and natural integration of Jarawas in civilised society without any forced assimilation. The Hon'ble High Court has desired to