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- JARAWA. (1. Habitat: Middle & South Andaman;
2. Population: Approximately 200;
3. Social type: Hunting-Gathering).

Action:

AC(TW),
ES, AAJVS,
DHS & Jara-
wa Contact
Party.

The Chairman said that the Jarawas, though suspicious with valid reasons --of outsiders, were very friendly towards the Jarawa contact party of the Administration. He urged that all concerned officials, the members of the contact party and the Administration as a whole should ensure that no alien disease could spread among the Jarawas who had so far remained away from others.

Action:

AC(TW),
ES, AAJVS,
Superintend-
ing, Anthro-
pologist,
ASI, Port
Blair.

On the question as to whether some members of the Jarawa tribe could be brought over to places like Baratang and Kadamtala, the consensus was that this might be done after ensuring beyond every possible doubt that the Jarawas themselves actually wanted to visit these places. It was also agreed that this operation, if undertaken, should be carried out with utmost forethought, care and precaution.

Action:

AC(TW) &
ES, AAJVS.

The proposal of the Chief Secretary, Shri S.R.Sharma that the Jarawa contact party should spend more time among the Jarawas than it did so far during visits, was accepted.

Action:

D.C.(Andamans),
S.P.(Distt.),
S.P.(B.P.)
and AC(TW).

The Chairman pointed out that it was imperative to create a deeper understanding and a more sensitive appreciation among the Bush Police personnel of their prime and most sacred duty-- i.e. to protect the Jarawas. This could be achieved through proper lectures and discussions during the training and orientation of the personnel. In this connection, the Chairman observed with reference to Jarawa-non-Jarawa clashes that the Jarawas always acted in self defence or in retaliation against poachers/intruders. Hence punitive action should not be taken against Jarawas.

Action:

A.C.(TW),
ES, AAJVS,
and AIR(Port
Blair).

Shri Abhijit Sarkar, Assistant Commissioner (Tribal Welfare) submitted that, in addition to the Bush Police personnel, the entire non-Jarawa population--especially people living in Andamans district--needed to be properly educated about the Jarawas. This, he explained, was necessary because the attitudes of the Bush Police personnel and other officials quite inevitably came under the constant and powerful influence of the dominant fantasies and notions of the people in general. Hence there was an urgent need to launch a sensitively designed publicity campaign through all the available media