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PRESS NOTE

FACILITY FOR TREATMENT OF JARAWAS AT PHC, KADAMTALA.

An Eco-friendly hut using cane and bamboo materials was constructed in the premises of the Public Health Centre, Kadamtala in the year April 2000 at an expenditure of Rs. 74,082/-, which includes Rs. 26,031 towards internal electrical installation. Subsequently the following facilities viz Paca approach footpath-cum-steps, drain, bathing place with overhead tank were provided for the use of the Jarawas at an expenditure of Rs. 3,51,386/-. Hospital staff have been rendering service to the Jarawas whenever hospitalisation is required. Jarawas are provided with special diet suitable for them during their period of stay in the PHC. Approximately Rs.2,58,490 had been spent during the last 5 years toward food items provided to the Jarawas during hospitalization. During the last 5 years, Jarawas availed the medical facilities by visiting Public Health Centre as per the details given below:

Number of Visits to PHC, Kadamtala by

	Year	Women	Men	Children	Total
I	1999	47	43	67	157
II	2000	106	131	149	386
III	2001	181	189	271	641
IV	2002	62	55	105	222
V	2003	77	79	123	279

One Tribal Welfare Officer with seven supporting staff are positioned in Kadamtala to look after the interest of the Jarawas. Interaction of the non-tribals in the Jarawa reserve area is under surveillance. In Kadamtala area during the last five years 78 numbers of people have been booked for entry in the tribal reserves for poaching etc.