

2. Action taken by A&N Administration.

In the light of the judgment of the High Court and the suggestion of Anthropologists and experts, the A&N Administration has taken the following steps for the protection of Jarawas.

1. Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) an autonomous society functioning under the aegis of A&N Administration has been reconstituted with greater representation of Anthropologists and experts.
2. In order to increase the resource base of Jarawas, Jarawa reserve area has been increased from 847 sq. kms to 1028 sq. kms.
3. Exclusive marine resource base has also been increased by declaring coastal water up to 5 km from High Tide Line as tribal reserve.
4. Jarawa tribal reserve has been demarcated taking into account natural features like hill ranges peaks, creeks etc and boards have been erected to educate the non-tribals and to prevent them from intruding into the reserve.
5. Andaman Trunk Road belt has been decreased from 200 meters on either side of the road to only 30 meters from the central line of the road on either side.
6. Enforcement measures have been intensified by the Police and Forest to protect the Jarawa resource base in the forest and coastal water. Assistant Commissioner (Tribal Welfare) has been vested with powers of Executive Magistrate.
7. Sites of Police, Forest and PWD camps were reviewed and camps in the vicinity of Jarawa reserve have been withdrawn.
8. Standing Health Team consisting of experienced and selected Doctors has been constituted to visit the Jarawa periodically to make the assessment of health conditions and provide required care in the Jarawa area itself to the extent feasible. Jarawa patients are shifted to hospital whenever it is indispensable keeping in view their health interest / to save their life.
9. Exclusive Hospital Wards for Jarawas have been provided and such Wards are declared as Tribal Reserve, to prevent curious non-tribals from interacting with them.