

3. Statement of policy for welfare of the Jarawa tribe:

Based on the judgment of High Court of Calcutta, views expressed by anthropologists, experts and others in the National Seminar held in Kolkatta in April, 2004, Seminar and open house discussion held at Port Blair in May, 2004 the following policy is proposed :-

1. Since the Jarawas, numbering only 266, are in an unparalleled situation, they should be perceived and treated as a unique human heritage.
2. In the background of the historical experience of dealing with the aboriginal tribes, especially, Great Andamanese, and the Onges, the approach of maximum autonomy to the Jarawas, and measured intervention by the Government will be practiced towards the Jarawas. Bringing them to the mainstream and assimilation will not be desirable at this stage of their social development. Rehabilitation of Jarawas in separate islands/locations will not be desirable.
3. The Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) an autonomous body will function like a trustee of the interest of the aboriginals and advise A&N Administration regarding the protection and welfare of all aboriginal tribes including the Jarawas.
4. Provisions of A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 will be enforced more effectively. Accountability of officials of different Departments dealing with Jarawa issues will be ensured.
5. The quality of intervention will be managed with care and sensitivity through suitably trained and re-oriented personnel, in consultation with and evaluation by anthropologists and experts. The objective will be to avoid dependency syndrome and to ensure their development as a vibrant social group. The personnel working for Jarawas would be provided with proper training and sensitization. The people of the villages near the reserve area and others non-tribals will be sensitized regarding the rights and privileges of the Jarawas.
6. Tourists will not be allowed to visit/interact with Jarawas so that curious intrusions are avoided.
7. Permanent residence of Government employees/non tribals in the Jarawa reserve will not be allowed.