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May kindly refer to the news item appeared in the Hindi Daily titled "SUBAH TAK" (a copy is placed at pages 1-4/C) of its issue dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2004, regarding Jarawa ward, Kadamtala. In this context, the Chief Secretary has directed over phone today that the details of expenditure incurred on the construction of Jarawa ward attached to Primary Health Centre, Kadamtala be collected and put up.

As per the decision of the A&N Administration, a Jarawa Ward (temporary structure) was constructed by the Forest department, (DFO, Middle Andaman, Rangat) in the compound of Primary Health Centre, Kadamtala using locally available minor forest produces like Bamboo, cane, thatch leaves, bullies etc. at a total cost of Rs.48,051/- in April 2000, in order to provide Eco-friendly accommodation to the Jarawas when they are hospitalized for medical treatment, (the expenditure figures has been collected over phone from Office of the Range Officer, Bajaluntga) The expenditure was met out of the budget provision of the Forest Department, under Tribal Sub-Plan.

Subsequently, as per the requisition placed by AAJVS, the Executive Engineer, CD-I, Rangat submitted an estimate for Rs.3,51,386/- towards construction of approach foot path-cum-steps, drain, bathing place with overhead water tank for the Jarawa Ward. (A copy of the estimate is placed at pages 7-20/C). The estimate was sanctioned vide order No; 722 dated 2.3.2001, of AAJVS, at page 21/C and the amount was deposited with the Executive Engineer, CD-I, Rangat vide letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2001, at page 22/C of AAJVS.