

What the Administration is doing at present is

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- (a) to understand the spoken dialect of Jarawas. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore has worked in this direction and a dictionary has already been prepared;
  - (b) to enrich the Jarawa area by teaching the Jarawas to plant fruit trees etc to which they are used to;
  - (c) to teach them fishing by use of nets;
  - (d) to prevent their mixing with local population and to this end we have teams of social workers and police who take them to staging huts in their area when they come and after some work has been done above, they are given food items and sent back to their habitat.

The Administration keeps in touch with experts on anthropology, sociology and tribal welfare for modulating its approach.

In so far as the Sentinelese are concerned, the present policy of discontinuing contact with them since 1994-95 is proposed to be maintained. At the same time this would be done in a manner consistent with such safeguards as patrolling by Navy, Coast Guard and the Andaman & Nicobar Police, as felt necessary for the security of the isolated Sentinel Island. Patrolling of the waters around North Sentinel shall continue from time to time as this is an important ingredient of national security.

The above explanatory note should clarify the position adequately. There is no intention at present, nor has there been in the past, of imposing urbanisation on the indigenous tribals.