

ACTION PLAN TO HANDLE THE JARAWA SITUATION IN ANDAMAN ISLANDS

With the advent of the current phase of the Jarawas of Andaman Islands coming out of their forest area into the non-tribal areas, the issue has been discussed at various levels in the Administration. In this context a meeting was held at Raj Niwas under the Chairmanship of Lt. Governor, A&N Islands on 4.3.99 to discuss the various issues relating to the well being of the Jarawas and a number of decisions were taken, among whom the following are the important once.

- (a) Establishing Staging Posts.
- (b) Establishing field office of AAJVS.

Staging Posts:-

As discussed, the Staging Posts shall be the centers for the activities to not only to persuade / control the Jarawas coming out into the non-tribal areas but also to carry out the other developmental programmes like enrichment of the Jarawa territory, teaching little bit of Hindi, learning the Jarawa language, providing health cover etc.

Keeping in view the areas frequented by the Jarawas, the Staging Posts for the present could be at Tirur, Potatang, Middlestrait and Kadamtala. This was also discussed in the meeting held at Raj Niwas on 4.3.99. Each Staging Posts shall be staffed as under:-

- (i) Social Worker.
- (ii) Teacher
- (iii) Health Worker
- (iv) Forester
- (iv) Police Guard with communication.

The Social Worker will be an employee of AAJVS appointed on contract basis with a consolidate salary of Rs.6500/- per month. He will be the Coordinator in the Staging Post. The teacher shall from Education Department, Health Worker (Pharmacist) from Directorate of Health Services, Forester (Camp Officer) from Forest Department and Police Guard (1 Head Constable and 3 Constables) with communication equipments like VHF Hand Sets, communication repeaters wherever required. Police Sub-Inspector of the area shall be the Incharge of the respective Staging Post.