

17/05/99. Admission/treatment at Primary Health Centre, Kadamtala took place on six occasions while treatment at Jarawa habitats itself at Lakra Lungta took place not less than 10 occasions. Similarly, treatment at Jarawa habitats at Dhani Nallah in Middle Andaman was administered on as many as four occasions. A large number of Jarawa children were administered pulse polio drops at Uttara on the 07th of December 1998. From these, it will be evident that this Administration have all along been earnest in extending all possible attention and its fullest efforts, to ensure medical treatment to the Jarawas. Infact, it may be added here that even earlier whenever a contact party of the Administration visits the Jarawa habitat, a doctor invariably accompanied the party. In the last 7-8 months, as already stated above, the medical coverage extended has been far more intensive and committed. The ailments generally affecting the Jarawas have been that of Respiratory Tract Infection, worm infestation, and certain cases of skin diseases are also noticed. The Directorate of Health Service of this Administration through its institution like the GB Pant Hospital and the Kadamtala and Baratang Primary Health Centre in particular, have been active in administering to the medical needs of the Jarawas. It may be added here that since 01/06/1998, no less than 43 occasions contact teams which invariably included doctors visited Jarawa area, particularly Lakra Lungta till 26/05/99. List of Jarawas treated at Govt. hospitals and at their

- R - 1 camps are annexed as *Annexure - 1* and the list of contact team visited
R - 2 Jarawa area is annexed as *Annexure - 2*

X) From the month of September 1998 onwards, a large number of Jarawas including women and children begun to appear at Tirur out post in South Andaman and also along the Andaman Trunk Road [ATR] which runs along the length of South Andaman, Baratang Island and in Middle Andaman and a portion in North Andaman, is the only road link between Chridiyatapu, the southernmost point in South Andaman and Diglipur in North Andaman which is a distance of about 350 Kms. In between, the road is cut by the Middle Strait separating the South Andaman from Baratang Island, Humphry Strait separating Baratang from Middle Andaman, and Austin Strait separating Middle Andaman from North Andaman Island. This road is not a recently constructed one and was actually commenced in the 1960s and completed in the late 1970s. It was built by the Border Road Organisation (called Yatrik). This road link is in effect a lifeline from South Andaman Island to the North Andaman Island. It is true that for a distance