

- iii) Some sporadic cases of physical ailments have come to notice. The DHS and the PHCs at Kadamtala and Baratang attend the persons with such ailments.
- iv) There is no reason why a group of normal moving inside their habitat showed or settled at one place like a sedentary population.

R - 6 A copy of report of Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India Port Blair is annexed as *Annexure - 6*.

- 6) That the averment made in paragraph - 2 is accepted.
- 7) That the averment made in paragraph - 3 is accepted.
- 8) That the averment made in paragraph - 4 it is to state that there was no separate Tribal Welfare Department or any other organisation to carry out the welfare programmes for the tribals. However, a Tribal Welfare Administrative Cell was created in the Secretariat in 1975-76 and Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti was constituted in 1976 to look after the welfare of the Primitive Tribal Groups. The Govt. of India started providing the requisite fund under Special Central Assistance for the welfare of the primitive tribal groups since 1976 and not since Independence. AAJVS headquarters is located at Port Blair and it has small administrative units at the tribal settlements viz. Strait Island, Dugong Creek, South Bay, Shompen Hut Complex in Great Nicobar and Kadamtala to look after the welfare of the tribals.
- 9) That the averment made in paragraph - 5 it is to state that an area of 649 sq. km. of land has been notified as Jarawa Reserve Forest in the South & Middle Andaman according to notification dated 19th July 1979. All out efforts are being made by the Administration in not allowing encroachment and poaching in the Jarawa reserved area.
- 10) That the averment made in paragraph - 6 is admitted to the extent that Jarawa boy namely Enmai was treated at G.B.Pant Hospital during May, 1995 for his leg fracture as a normal patient. Thereafter he was sent back to his habitat after the treatment. Similar treatment is being extended to all Jarawas on the advice of doctors. But it is denied that the Jarawa area is shrinking due to encroachment and they are suffering from food scarcity and are desirous of joining the mainstream of society.