

(c) The linguists of Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, Government of India, are studying the Jarawa language. The Jarawa handbook has been finalized by them. The linguist of this Institute who has studied the Jarawa language has been able to communicate with the Jarawas to a considerable extent. Further progress is being made to have an effective and functional communication with the Jarawas by the officials of the Administration.

(d) Still further, the Lt. Governor informed the participants that the Administration is aware of some proposals like shifting the Jarawas from their present habitat and to rehabilitate them on the isolated island to provide all modern facilities. Such an approach is considered by the Administration as not an appropriate one because uprooting the people and attempting to rehabilitate them without taking them into confidence would have problems.

(e) It is not fair on the part of Government to remove the indigenous and aboriginal inhabitants from their abode where they have been living for centuries. Rehabilitation by way of providing everything to the self-reliant, vibrant, hunting and gathering tribes will make them docile, dependent, weak and susceptible for the exploitation and introduction of vices thereby leading ultimately to their decadence.

(7) Later, the Lt. Governor invited the participants to give their views and suggestions so that the Administration can take a decision and adopt a holistic approach to sort out the present Jarawa issues. The participants which included the representatives from the Political parties, public representatives and officers spoke one by one on the Jarawa issues. Their views and suggestions have been recorded / minuted in the Annexure II. They described the current Jarawa situation, causes of such situation and further suggested various measures to tackle the Jarawa problem.

(8) The Jarawa situation as described by various participants have been summed up as under :