

Sub: Visit of Jarawa boy patient hospitalized in G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair by Director (TW).

The undersigned visited the Jarawa boy patient on 5.9.99 around 2.00 PM who has suffered multiple fractures due to road accident in the Middle Andaman Island recently. Following are the observations:-

1. The patient was found alone in the Surgical Ward while the non tribal attendant deployed by AAJVS had gone to call the two Jarawa attendants who are staying in the Nursing Home of the G.B. Pant Hospital.
2. Jarawa boy patient is found to feel lonely and at times he is reportedly cry as well. It is necessary that the Jarawa attendants stay with the patient. In this context my suggestion made after my earlier visit may be referred to.
3. It was suggested that additional cots / beds be provided to the Jarawa attendants as well in the Surgical Ward. Atleast three stools / chairs are necessary for the use of these Jarawa attendants.
4. If it is not possible for the Health Department to provide the above items the matter could be discussed with the DHS and the above said materials may be provided by the AAJVS as long as the Jarawa boy patient stays in the Surgical Ward.
5. Jarawa boy patient has become a point of attraction for visitors and other patients in the Surgical Ward. The curious visitors disturb the Jarawa patient by encircling him, trying to offer gifts etc. It was found that some body had applied even a vermilion (*Tilak*) on the forehead of the Jarawa patient.
6. So it is necessary that some minimum privacy is provided to the Jarawas when they are hospitalized. In this context till the patient is shifted to Special Ward / Nursing Home curtains could be provided around the beds of Jarawas to avoid such interaction of non-tribal people with Jarawas.
7. Two Jarawa attendants were found to wear pants and shirts which are reportedly presented by some body in the hospital. ES, AAJVS shall ensure that atleast 2 sets of cloths be provided to Jarawas. Offering of used cloths by others is required to be avoided at all costs.
8. At the time of visit the Jarawa attendants had no bananas in their room. They are fond of bananas. ES shall ensure that adequate and speedy supply of banana to Jarawa attendants.