

The behaviour of Jarawas has been changed. Most of them are coming at the localities of A.T.R. Now a team of officers may visit these areas and to ascertain the cause of their illness. This team can also ascertain whether there is any shortage of food, water, etc. inside the forest. These teams may be divided into two. One group will survey R.K.Nallah, Pottatang, Spike Island and another will cover Middle Andaman Jarawa area. These two teams will comprise the following officials:

- 1. Tribal Welfare Officer of the AAJVS.
- 2. One officer from the A.S.I.
- 3. One doctor from the G.B.Pant Hospital
- 4. Two police personnel.

Both the teams will be supervised by the Director (Tribal Welfare). They will complete this survey within 15 days and submit their report to the higher authorities.

Since large number of Jarawas fallen ill due to various reasons, the following suggestions are made:-

The capacity of the PHCs at Kadamtala and Baratang is required to be increased. At least 20 patients are to be admitted in each PHCs. One Health Centre may also be opened at Middle Strait. One Primary School building is lying vacant at Middle Strait. This can be used for the above purpose. One camp-office may be set up at Pottatang. An old APWD Guest House at Pottatang is lying abandoned for the last several years. Some of the Jarawa patients can also be accommodated in this building after necessary repairs.

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