

1. Scheme No. : IV
2. Name of Scheme : *Welfare programme for the Jarawas & Sentinelese*
3. Proposed outlay for 9th Plan :: Rs. 58.40 lakhs
Proposed outlay for Annual Plan 1999-2000 :: Rs. 32.10 lakhs
4. Objectives / Justification

The Jarawas and the Sentinelese are the Negrito tribes who are still outside the pale of civilisation. The Jarawas inhabit in the western coast of South and Middle Andamans whereas the Sentinelese are totally isolated inhabiting a small island named North Sentinel Island. The headquarter of the Jarawas and Sentinelese has not been possible so far but their population is roughly estimated to be about 300 and 100 respectively.

The Samiti is implementing all the welfare schemes embodied in its plan for the welfare and economic development of the tribes. The scheme No. 4 relates to welfare programmes for Jarawas and Sentinelese. The Jarawa issue has become very sensitive and in the prevailing condition the Jarawas are handled very carefully and with patience without disturbing their natural habits. This is the endeavor of the Administration as well as the Samiti not to disturb the natural way of life which they were leading from centuries and the minimum interference is made in their natural way of life. The outside help is given only on unavoidable situation particularly when the Jarawas need immediate medical care.

With the increased incidence of Jarawas entering into the settlement villages, looting the villagers and taking away the household items and food items causes great concern to the Administration. It is noticed that Jarawas are mostly coming to the Tirur, Collinpur and Herbertabad area and at Baratang and Kadamtala, Shantanu and Phooltala in large numbers and collect the Bananas, coconuts household items such as Aluminium vessels, Dah, Axe, spade, clothes etc. The Villagers are making hue and cry and many a time representing the Administration for compensating their losses and sometime even resorting to strike etc. In order to tie over the situation, a number of measures have been taken to avoid the repetition of Jarawas entering into villages and plundering the items. Police Patrolling has been intensified particularly in Tirur, R. K. Nallah, Baratang and Kadamtala area. Police department has been permitted to hire private jeep to give the patrolling coverage in the affected areas. Similarly, this organisation has