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- (i) The Tribal Welfare Department and Directorate of Health Services, Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, have sought grant of Rs.2.25 crores for opening 2 health institutions near Bamboo Tikri at Kalamtala of Middle Andaman and at Middle Strait, with 10 bedded inpatient facilities and other facilities like X-ray machines, laboratories, minor operation theatre and a labour room. The Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration explained that these 2 hospitals are proposed for being set up to cater to the health care requirements of Jarawas of South and Middle Andaman. He also explained that the Jarawas are in need of medical health care to save them from extinction and this tribe is also now receptive to such facilities. The Selection Committee though appreciated this task but felt that this kind of health programme should be taken up through their Health Department. The Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Andaman & Nicobar, reiterated that the Health Department is unable to take-up this task because of paucity of funds and as a consequence the health of Jarawas is at stake. The Selection Committee after detailed deliberations on the subject, decided to agree to setting up of one of the health institutions at the place to be chosen by the Government of A & N Islands, subject to the condition that Government of A & N Islands will confirm in writing prior to the receiving grant, that the recurring cost of running the hospital will be borne by A & N Government.