

4 This Administration is not getting funds from the sources like U.N.O. and the European Human Resources Development Funds which has been noted in para 1 above also. The funds required for the developmental works are released by the Government of India.

5 For the welfare and the development of the tribal people, Tribal Sub Plan is formulated by the Administration. Various sectoral departments propose relevant schemes for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes and the required funds for implementation of such schemes are included thereunder. The funds are allocated to the various sectors keeping in view the necessity.

6 Apart from this, Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment also provides funds under Special Central Assistance to Administration which is re-allocated to the various sectors of the Administration and to the AAJVS. Before the funds are released by the Government of India, Plan Schemes are discussed by the Administration with the Planning Commission wherein the concerned Ministries of the Government of India also take part. The schemes / programmes which are included in the Tribal Sub Plan are in tune with the policy of the Government of India.

7 The Chief Convenor of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has suggested for 25 Crore Rupees Model Village to rehabilitate 4000 Jarawas immediately during March, 1999. The population of Jarawas is estimated to be around 350 - 500 and the population of 4000 as indicated by B.S.P. is far from the fact.

8 Further, the approach and measures for the welfare of the Jarawas have been discussed at various levels in the Administration. The latest of such discussions is the one which was held at Raj Niwas on 4.3.1999. This meeting was attended by not only the concerned officers of the Government but also the Member of Parliament, public representatives and representatives from various Political Parties.

9 On the basis of broad decisions and in tune with the general policy of the government, concrete measures have been initiated by the Administration for the welfare of the Jarawas. The idea / proposal of uprooting the Jarawas from their home land and rehabilitating them elsewhere in the separate island was also discussed in the meeting at Raj Niwas. But it was not approved as it would lead to untold miseries to the tribal people.