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Funds required for the welfare of the scheduled tribes are allocated to concerned sectoral departments and schemes / programmes are implemented which have the approval of the Planning Commission, Government of India and are in tune with the broad policy of the government.

The matter relating to the tribal people in general and Jarawas in particular has been discussed at various levels in the Administration. The opinion / suggestions of various authorities and also from the representatives from various Political Parties / public representatives have been sought from time to time.

The Administration has adopted certain concrete measures for the welfare of the Jarawas. It is not proposed to uproot the Jarawas from their territory and rehabilitate them elsewhere in the village. It is a broadly accepted fact that such uprooting of indigenous people from their home land would lead to untold miseries for such people.

As such, the Administration has decided to enrich the territory of Jarawas through scientific methods to ensure the abundant availability of food resources for the Jarawas. Apart from this, different measures are being taken to sort out the current issues crept up on account of the Jarawas coming off their territory into the non-tribal areas.

All such measures for the welfare of Jarawas is being taken as per the advice of the Experts in the field and also on the basis of suggestions rendered by Social Scientists and others so that well-being of the Jarawas and other Scheduled Tribes of these islands is ensured.

Yours faithfully,

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