

poaching is carried out on their island - and this too should be done from a distance, without intruding on their lives.

The JTDA would be headed at the Centre by a High Powered Jarawa Development Council which will be constituted by the IDA. A group of five experts - anthropologists, doctors, sociologists, psychologists - of international repute will act as a Think Tank for this Council. This group will be responsible for suggesting minimum intervention related to areas like food, health, and life in general, for the Jarawa. The group will have the authority to commission and approve all research related to the Jarawa. Their suggestions will be based on the findings of the research and on feedback from civil society and staff at the cutting edge. The Authority should also undertake a complete literature scan to draw on, consolidate and compile the body of knowledge already available with organizations like the Anthropological Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India, Indian Council of Medical Research, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology and the Indian Council for Agricultural Research, among others.

A special post for Programme Administrator (Pr. Ad.) will be created at Port Blair. The Pr. Ad. will be the implementing authority for policies with respect to the Jarawa and will have powers akin to a District Collector. Pr. Ad. will be an I.A.S officer selected by the High Powered Council in consultation with the Think Tank and will have a fixed minimum tenure.

All the personnel at the cutting edge, like the police, AAJVS workers, social welfare officers and doctors who operate within the Jarawa Reserve or come in contact with the tribe will be placed under the JTDA. The JTDA will be given the powers to suggest what educational and other qualifications (eg motivation) would be needed for people dealing directly with the Jarawa. It will also be responsible for the regular training and capacity building of officers, personnel and the nearby settlers.

To ensure the smooth functioning of the JTDA, a Facilitation Committee will be created in Port Blair Chaired by the Chief Secretary, A&N. It will comprise of members of the Think Tank and the secretaries of all the relevant departments. The