

and the presence of the police and the AAVs is keeping the situation under general control.

Shri Justin of the AnSI intervened to state that the Jarawas, like all tribal societies have their own method of allocating resource, especially when clan members increase or feel a need to separate. It was important, therefore, to interact with the Jarawas in order to understand how traditionally they expect to adjust to additional demands from population increase.

During and after the presentation, many issues were discussed. The issues ranged from a recognition that the Jarawas are not malnourished or anaemic or hungry - so they are not coming to the ATR for these reasons; that most probably, they are wanting a change in their lifestyle with different food and interaction with non Jarawas; that they have been introduced to such alien food in hospitals and are now, naturally, entering settler habitations for such food; that having given them a taste of rice and biscuits, not available in their reserve, we have created an artificial desire, where there was none, and are now finding it difficult to stop them from asking the same from tourists and others; that they have enough food in their reserve and in the normal course, we should have no reason to intervene, as highlighted in the Jarawa Policy; that that there is perhaps no reason to continue the indiscriminate use of antibiotics at the PHC at Kadamtala; that a non-allopathic alternative drug regimen should be worked out, and for aches and pains only; externally applicable ointments be prescribed, though the presently notified 1028 Sqkms of reserve is sufficient for about 500 Jarawas @ 2 persons per sq. km but there being no more land or