

8. It was noted that while the meetings of IDA were held regularly on an annual basis from 1986 to 1989, in the next decade of the 1990s, it met only three times. Also between 2000-2010 it met only three times, i.e. in 2003, 2006 and 2009. It is suggested that the meetings of the IDA, the Standing Committee of the IDA, Executive Council of AAVS may be held regularly and dates may be announced in advance to ensure monitoring and follow-up of action taken with respect to decisions on the Jarawas.
9. Planning Commission Sub-Group had recommended in 2006 that intervention should be limited to areas of health and food security and should be guided by experts. Attempt should be made to gradually phase out any dependency that arises from this intervention. Systems also need to be put in place to preserve the traditional system of healing/treatment of the Jarawas. In the Meeting held by the Secretary, Tribal Affairs on 11th May, 2009, it was decided to take the help of premier national institutions to prepare plan and protocols to sensitizing the settlers around the Jarawa Reserve; for recording the traditional knowledge of the Jarawas including their system of ethno-medicine; and for non-invasive research. There appear to be significant delays in the decision making and implementation process. A fast track approach is required.
10. A major drawback/handicap with the Andaman & Nicobar Administration appears to be a lack of sense of belonging. As per Rules, a periodical stint is a must to serve in the UT for an AGMUT cadre officer. Most of the officers reside there without their families and are looking to return to Delhi on some pretext or the other. Incentives for officers as well as junior staff/officials who wish to serve in the ANI could be considered.
11. A time-bound mechanism to be put in place wherein all the proposals emanating from the ANI Administration to various Ministries are not unduly delayed. Even within the ANI, there is a need for a Nodal officer to be appointed who can quickly report news and information about developments in JTR like outbreak of disease, poaching etc and coordinate action with all concerned authorities.

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