

(5) Health and food security.

Dr. Syeda Hameed Report had suggested that Doctors and Health Workers should uphold the pride of Jarawas in their traditional system of medicines and in situ treatment to be provide to the extent possible. It had also suggested immediate setting up of a satellite facility for centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in the Andamans. In fact, Dr. Syeda Hameed report had opined a "demand driven" approach in regard to health and food security of Jarawas and attempt should be made to gradually phase out any dependency that arises from this intervention. Status needs to be updated.

In the meeting held by the Secretary, Tribal Affairs on 11<sup>th</sup> may 2009, it was also decided to take the help of premier national institutions to prepare plan and protocols to sensitizing the settler around the Jarawa Reserve; for recording the traditional knowledge of the Jarawas including their system of ethno-medicine; and for non-invasive research. It was also decided that individual oriented research must be discouraged as these are done generally for career advancement and in the process, no institutional memory is created. Consequently, the findings of such research are not available to the A&NI or concerned research institutions. A guideline on research should be framed in consultation with premier national research institutions. Status needs to be updated.

For health related issues, it was also decided in the 11<sup>th</sup> may 2009 meeting of the Secretary (Tribal Affairs) that due care would be taken that all staff, especially those belonging to AAJVS, deputed on duty do not have any contagious diseases and do not drink and smoke, at last in front the Jarawas. In the context of health related precautions that are needed for all those who come into contact with Jarawas, resettlers the need to provide certificates confirming that they are not carrying any contagious diseases. Action taken in this respect needs to be intimated.

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The Deputy Director (Health) along with Paramedical Staff of Directorate of Health Services visit the Jarawa area regularly to make the assessment of health conditions and provide required care in the Jarawa area itself to the extent possible. In Serious cases only Jarawa patients are shifted to Hospital for further investigation and treatment

The employees of AAJVS are medically screened by the Health Department to diagnose and prevent spreading of contagious diseases. They have been advised not to drink / smoke while on duty. The Deputy Director (TH) frequently visits Jarawas areas and is sensitizing the staff posted there.