

The above recommendations of the Expert Group have already been accepted by the Administration and the same are under implementation.

It is also proposed to engage an anthropologist who may continue his field work among the Jarawas even after the Pilot Project.

### The Sentinelese :-

The Sentinelese is a primitive Negrito tribe inhabiting the North Sentinel Island situated on the west of Port Blair town. The island is small (47 sq.km) and totally isolated and as such the Sentinelese is probably the only tribe absolutely isolated in the world today. The Sentinelese are perhaps the only successful people on the earth to retain and defend their pristine life style and territory till date against the waves of other and modern civilizations. Their yet unfailing hostility towards the attempts of all outsiders is the reason for their isolation, and for the same reason, little is known about their life style and culture.

First contact with sentinelese was made in 1991. Thereafter the Contact with them has been occasional. With the experience of two recent contact with them (March/April 1996), when they came over to our boat to take gifts, we may hope to consolidate our relations with the Sentinelese also by making regular contact expedition to the Sentinelese area. There-after, the experience of Pilot Project will be very helpful in taking major decisions about Sentinelese also.

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