

Report on contact of Sentinelese on 5th Nov:1985.

A contact party of the Administration under the leadership of Shri R.Shyamji Krishna, Director of Tribal Welfare visited North Sentinel Island on 5th Nov:1985.

The contact party besides the Director of Tribal Welfare, comprised Dr. Rohinder Lall of G.B.Pant Hospital, Dr. M.K.Raha of Anthropological Survey of India, Shri VRU Menon, Assistant Commissioner(TW), Shri Baktwar Singh, Retired Dy.S.P. and Shri Krishna Rao, Dy.S.P.

Reached North Sentinel Island at 5.30 a.m. on 5.11.85. Left for shore at 6.15 a.m. Seeing <sup>no</sup> Sentinelese on the sands <sup>we</sup> landed at 6.45 a.m. and placed gifts in the bushes nearby. When we started retreating we sighted one Sentinelese with a spear in his hand and shortly afterwards in groups of two-three more eleven Sentinelese. They located the place and collected the gifts. One Sentinelese actually came out with a bag of coconut on his shoulder presumably to convey to us that they had located the gifts. They were seen sitting in the bushes. Due to low tide we have to leave early. Sailed back at 8.30 a.m.

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