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**Chief Secretary's Visit to Lakra Lungta (Kadamtala),
Middle Strait & Tirur on 30th October, 2009 and on 02nd
November, 2009 respectively**

Middle Strait

I. Visit to Lakra Lungta (Kadamtala area)

Chief Secretary visited the tribal reserve area at Lakra Lungta on 30th October, 2009 accompanied by Secretary (TW), Deputy Director (Tribal Health) and Executive Secretary, AAJVS. Approximately 60 Jarawas were camping on a location, in their traditional hut. Chief Secretary interacted with the tribals to know the present status of the tribes particularly the health, availability of food and other issues, if any.

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a) It was observed by the Chief Secretary that the tribes are continuing their foraging activities and at the same time availing the medical services whenever required. The tribals interaction with the villagers is reduced due to the constant persuasion by the staff of AAJVS posted here to take care of them.

b) It is learnt by the Chief Secretary that the tribals occasionally visit non-tribal villages to collect coconuts and bananas and at other times they pick up the iron implements from the villagers. However, the frequency of their entry in the villages has reduced considerably.

c) Chief Secretary had seen that iron implements are provided to the tribes which they are converting for making the traditional implements like bow & arrow and other equipment required for the hunting and gathering activities.

d) The Jarawa tribes requested for supply of anvil, Triangular file etc. for making the implements.

e) The tribes drew the attention of the Chief Secretary to the increasing incidents of fishing and hunting activity by non-tribals in the Jarawa reserve, thus reducing the availability of fish and wild boar, which is a part of their dietary system.

(f) Chief Secretary directed that all steps be taken to prevent such poaching (by the Police Department, Forest Department and the staff of AAJVS) by increasing the surveillance in the area and take actions under PAT Regulation and other relevant sections of the law be also initiated.

(g) To a specific question put to the tribes by the Chief Secretary about whether they would prefer to live at Kadamtala, or continue with their traditional way of life in the jungle, the reply was a very firm affirmation that they prefer their traditional way of life.

(h) The Team observed that this group

II. Visit to Middle Strait Area

Chief Secretary interacted with the Jarawas at Middle Strait and during interaction he observed that: -

a) The Jarawas are brought to the Tushnabad hospital or to the GB Pant Hospital for further treatment and the Jarawas are facing problems in shifting the patients. Therefore, he directed to construct Jarawa ward at the PHC, Baratang where the tribes can be shifted in case they require further treatment.

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