

Subject :

Para No.	
	<p>To discuss the recent Jarawa incidents and other issues ex-Chairperson Zilla Parishad Smti. Jaya Prabha, Vice-Chairman Zilla Parishad Shri Abraham Toppo and Pradhan Ferrar Gunj Shri Nelson called on Chairman AAJVS Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands on 20/03/97. Among other things it was discussed that possibly Jarawas of South Andaman are facing food anxiety and it may be worthwhile to try to contact them from landside and provide some food items as gift as it being done in the case of Jarawas of Middle Andaman.</p>
2	<p>The matter was also discussed in an impromptu get together on the event of Holi at Raj Niwas wherein Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands directed to explore the possibility of the same. Subsequently, a meeting was held in the Chamber of Secretary (TW) attended by Director (TW) Executive Secretary, AAJVS and Vice-Chairman Zilla Parishad on 31/03/97 and it was decided that Secretary (TW) alongwith other officers of Tribal Welfare Department and representatives of PRIs including Vice-Chairman Zilla Parishad may reconnoitre the area of Tirur/ R.K. Nallah etc. on 03/04/97 and identify gift dropping sites.</p>
3	<p>The tour was undertaken and in the discussions held at JPP Post Tirur Head Quarter (where Secretary (TW), SP (AP), Vice-President, Zilla Parishad were present in addition to other officers and members of PRIs) it was realised that what was being proposed by members of PRIs was some kind of contact and gift dropping mission to Jarawas of South Andaman which need not necessarily be from land side. Further it was decided that JPP Out Post particularly Tirur No. 4 may try to place gifts in some strategic point near their post where it can be picked up by Jarawa groups in the area. Gift articles like coconuts, bananas etc. were to be provided by the AAJVS. Articles have since been provided to JPP in anticipation of approval and relevant proposals for ex-post facto approval of expenditure on these gift articles will be put up shortly.</p>
4	<p>In the same meeting it was decided that an attempt will be made from sea side to identify gift dropping sites, drop gifts and establish contact if possible in the areas of Bada Balu, Chota Balu and Jhau Kona in South Andaman. Now since this is the one of the rare attempt of this kind and keeping in view the foreseeable difficulties, an extra amount of preparation and caution is necessary. Hence a good sea worthy vessel, fast life boats, good communication equipments and relatively larger officer oriented police contingent are minimum of the requirements. <u>Accordingly it is proposed that permission of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands may be sought to deploy 'MV Tarmugli' for the purpose. Tentative date of the proposed mission can be 23rd of April 1997.</u></p>
5	<p><u>It is also proposed that full fledged team of experts (as per the practice in Pilot Project contacts) may not be taken and contact team may comprise of essentially officials of Tribal Welfare Department, Police, members of PRIs, Doctor and Shri Bhaktawar Singh.</u></p>