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**REPORT OF THE JARAWA CONTACT EXPEDITION**  
**ORGANISED FROM 23RD-24TH MAY'97**

(42) The contact team consisting of A. L. Singh Executive Secretary (AAJVS), Shri.K.N.Sinha Roy, ASI, Dr.P.B.Rao, ZSI, Shri.Bakhtawar Singh and Social Worker (Headquarter), AAJVS left Port Blair by M.V.Tarmugli on 24th May'97 at 2200 hrs. as per the programme approved by the Administration. The vessel reached Jarawa area (Middle Andaman) on 25/5/97 at 0900 hrs.

(43) While the vessel was cruising in the creek the Jarawas were sighted on spike Island as well as Lakra Lungta area i.e., other side of spike island. On seeing the Jarawas the vessel was anchored in the creek and the contact team alongwith the gift articles like coconut, banana, red clothes, iron scraps left by life boat for spike island. No sooner did the life boat reached the shore of the spike island, the Jarawas rushed to the life boat and collected gift articles as much as each of them could. The contact team landed on the shore and spent about an hour to develop emotional rapport with the Jarawas. We could contact 25 Jarawas consisting of men, women and children. All the Jarawas were in happy mood after getting the gifts.

(44) The contact team returned to mother ship, i.e. M.V. Tarmugli and after loading the gift articles proceeded to the other side of spike island i.e. Lakra Lungta where a few Jarawas were waiting for the contact party. These Jarawas too collected the gifts themselves immediately after arrival of the life boat. We could contact 15 Jarawas consisting of men, women and children at Lakra Lungta. The contact party stayed about an hour with the Jarawas.

(45) In this group of the Jarawas, the Jarawa boy named Enmein, whose fractured leg had been treated in GB Pant Hospital a few months ago, was also present. He was hale and hearty. He could recognize a few members of the contact team. He seemed to have re-collected his association with the people during his treatment in the G.B.Pant hospital, Port Blair