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It has been reported to LG by the Police as well as ^{by} some public that two Jarawa men of Middle Andaman Island came to Kadamtala near Uttara jetty on 21st October, 1997. Reportedly, they indicated the desire to have food items and accordingly some banana, etc, were given to them and later on, they were sent back.

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In this context, it is desirable to have a Contact Expedition immediately so that gift articles like coconuts, banana, etc, could be given to Jarawas of Middle Andaman Island and also to make assessment of the recent development. The matter was taken up with the Director of Shipping Services. He has informed that m.v.Tarmugli is under repairs now. There is no other high sea going vessel which could be spared for the Jarawa contact now. There are other vessels registered under I.V. Act. As such, reportedly, there has been reluctance on the part of the crew and others to go to high seas following the recent incident in the Vanvikas boat.

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Further, M.V.Milale (the ship of AAJVS) is a high sea going ship but its certification is yet to be renewed like m.v.Tarmugli. It is to be decided as to whether M.V.Milale could be ordered to sail to Jarawa areas. It may not be advisable to take M.V. Milale pending the renewal of the certificate.

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As such, it is proposed to go by road upto Kadamtala and from Kadamtala, moto dinghie could be hired to reach Lakra Lungta, etc, of Jarawa area.

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SHO Kadamtala and Patwari Kadamtala could be asked to arrange for motor dinghie from Kadamtala for the Contact team to land at Jarawa areas. Such arrangements were made earlier also.

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The Director of Agriculture was contacted to ascertain the availability of coconuts readily in their stock. They have informed that there is no ready stock available at present. Further the matter was checked up with the Cooperative Marketing Federation also. They too have informed that there is no ready stock with them. Under these circumstances, we may have to procure the coconuts from the local market at the prevailing market price. Similarly, banana could also be