

18 Hence the proposals at 4-6/N once again submitted for approval with revised proposed date of contact as 10th May 1997. Secretary(TW) is competent for approval of expenditure and drawl of advance. Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands may also like to approve the deployment of MV Tarmugli on 10th May 1997 for one day for the purpose.


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19 May please peruse notes above from para 1 onwards. It is regarding dropping of gift articles in the Jarawa area. As desired by the Chairman, AAJVS (LG), on experimental basis, gift articles like coconuts, red cloths, etc, were dropped in the Jarawa area of South Andaman Island by the team consisting of officials from Police, Tribal Welfare and public representatives like Pradhans of Gram Panchayat, Tushnabad and Ferrargunj. This team had dropped the gifts near the Badabalu in South Andaman on 10th of April 1997.

20 The report from the Police with regard to picking up of gift articles by the Jarawa has not been received so far. However, SP (AP) informed informally that the gifts must have been picked up by the Jarawas. The Police have suggested to drop more gifts in the South Andaman Island with a view to earn the friendship with the Jarawas. They have asked us to provide more gifts like coconuts, etc, in the Jarawa area.

21 If approved, we may provide gift articles of about 300 coconuts and 30 metres of red cloths for this second gift dropping experiment in the South Andaman Island. And we may further ask the Police to send the report about the picking up of the gifts by Jarawas and the possible impact on the Jarawas on account of this gift dropping experiments from land route.