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Hunger Turmoil of Jarawa Increased- A Report

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To

The Executive Secretary,
AAJVS .

Sir,

On 06th October'2000 I departed from Port Blair as an official representative of AAJVS to organise a Public Awareness Camp at Kadamtala. When we reached Middle Strait some Jarawas were found in the close contact with the outsiders. The activities of the outsiders were quite against of the prescribed policy of Jarawa welfare. They were serving Zarda Pan to Jarawa boys and hugging the woman folks. Immediately we stopped these and gave strict warning to them. But upto a limited extent the officials from Port Blair can come to the field and stop all these. It is noteworthy that there 09 (nine) JPPs posted at Middle Strait but quite often it was found that they take rest in the hut post in most of the hours and do not come to the jetty to stop such illegal contacts of the ammuters with the Jarawas. The same scenario of contacts between the Jarawa and non-Jarawa was seen at Uttara Jetty.

While coming from Kadamtala after giving a success end to the Public Awareness Programme on the next day, i.e. 7.10.2000 on reaching at Uttara Jetty at about 0900 hrs, it was found that about 9-10 Jarawas were waiting to board a motorised country boat to cross the creek and reach the Middle Strait while at Baratang about 70 Jarawas boarded on tops of the buses were found going towards Gandhighat with intention to reach Uttara Jetty. It is noteworthy that in the recent days every morning the Jarawas in large number board the tops of buses and reach Uttara Jetty and come in close contact with the outsiders and beg for food preferably. In evening they return back by the same mode of transportation to their places. The AAJVS representatives appointed in the field could not stop such travelling by the Jarawas.

On return some Jarawas again found at Middle Strait Jetty who were begging for food from the commuters. It was also observed that more than 30 Jarawas assemble in front of every coming vehicle near their communal hut of R.K Nallah area. Their hunger turmoil is increasing day by day.

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