

At night on the same day we received a signal at 10.00 P.M that the Jarawas of Dhaninallah attacked on a vehicle and snatched some ration items surprisingly at around 4.00 P.M (after six hours of the incident took place). Now it was a problem for us for the availability of fuel for our jeep adequately to reach the spot and come back. That time we had the fuel in the quantity, which was to be used in return journey to Port Blair the next day. The problem of availability of boat to arrive at Uttara from Gandhighat at this time can be added to our problem of fuel. The next day on 15.10.2000 early in the morning we reached Dhaninallah some how. There with police personnels the Tribal Welfare Officer Kadamtala and other AAJVS staffs were present at the time of our arrival. It was reported that the items such as biscuits, dalda, coriander powder and tea leaves were taken away by the Jarawas from a van. After an intensive search we found only the biscuit packets in the Jarawa huts. Meanwhile, a vehicle was caught red handed when a passenger was getting snap of nude Jarawas. His camera has been captured by us and submitted to the office of the AAJVS for necessary action.

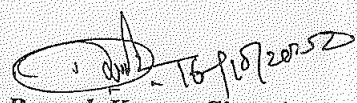
In both the cases of looting by the Jarawas it was assessed that the vehicles had open back with display of ration items which was mere foolishness. It was also reported by the Jarawas that before their looting they were given biscuit packets by them which was quite against of our policy of Jarawa welfare. But the reporting parties refused to accept it.

While returning to Port Blair we spent hours near the Jarawa huts on ATR side to assess the situation as part of patrolling. No JPP was found near R. K. Nallah Jarawa hut while they were present at Punnanallah area. We returned back to Port Blair at 6.20 P.M on the same day, i.e. 15.10.2000 after a successful completion of continuous patrolling of 72 hours excluding some hours of sleeping.

Suggestion :-

A staging post should be re-established near Lal Tekri where Jarawa from South Andaman comes to cross the creek to approach the settlements of Middle Andaman like Nayadera, Mirchi Tekri etc.

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