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REPORT ON THE CONTACT TOUR WITH THE JARAWA AND
GREAT ANDAMANESSE TERRITORY ON 24TH MAY 1996

On May 24th, the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samithi (AAJVS) of Andaman & Nicobar Administration, undertake a contact tour as part of its routine programme for distributing gift articles to the Jarawa. The contact team consists of Shri R. Singh, Secretary (Tribal Welfare) Shri K.K. Jindal, Director (Tribal Welfare), Shri A. Gupta, Executive Secretary, AAJVS, Dr. V.K. Rao, Asstt Dy. Director, ICMR, Shri K.M. Sinha Roy, Research Associate (Cultural), An.S.I., Shri Baktawar Singh, Retd. Dy. S.P. along with a dozen of armed police personnel. Besides these authorised members some VIP's which includes some female members also. The team also consists of three photographers who were to prepare a documentary film and to take photography of the contact tour. The ship M.V. Tarmugli left Phoenix Bay jetty at 11 PM on 23rd May'96.

On 24th May at 7 AM we arrived at Lakra Longta where Jarawa are waiting the contact party, but we could not find any Jarawa on the shore of Lakra Lungta. We then proceeded toward Yadita Point; where we could find few Jarawa on the shore. The sea was rough with high wind and waves. The ship was anchored and we land ashore by a life-boat at about 9 AM. The team carried coconuts, bananas and red cloths. The team get down from life boat and while some of the Jarawa jumped into the life boat to collect gift items and kept gift articles