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near the jungle. There were 10 members of the Jarawa the breakup of which are given below :

Male -	2 (Adult)	Male	-	3 (6-12 years age group)
Female -	2 (Adult)	Female	-	3 (0-6 years age group)

We tried to pick up some words from them. They were also very much curious to feel our long hair beard trouser etc. The ladies accompanying the team members were also making friendship with the Jarawa. While the tribemen especially women were well received. The children smeared their faces with ochre. Women and children wear armlets, waist belt made by leaves. The Jarawa ladies offered their necklace to the contact team particularly to the lady team members. When we got on the life boat a few Jarawa accompanied us to the boat. After sometime, we told them to get down, but three of them still remained on the boat. After long persuasion they got down from the boat. During this contact it was observed that the Jarawa behaved well with female contact members. We came back to the ship at about 10 PM. We left the area about 1 PM and reached Strait Island about 4 PM.

The Great Andamanese are now settled in Strait Island, that is located about 35 miles north-east of Port Blair. Jeru is the spoken language among the Great Andamanese. Also they converse in Hindi with the outsiders. During the brief halt at Strait island some of them reported that, majority of their adult male members are drug-addict. They are not working properly. During the year 4 children died of Diarrhoea due to lack of treatment.

They are residing in houses built by the A & N