

Report of Jarawa Expedition held between
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As a member of the Pilot Project core-group I joined the contact expedition which contacted the Jarawas of the Middle Andaman on the 4th and 5th of October 1996. On both the days the contact point was a place in the Lakra ~~Lakra~~ Leungta area. About sixtyseven members of the Jarawa community including men, women and children were contacted on both the days. This expedition coincided with the rejoining of Enmen with his fellow tribesmen after a period of six months. Due to this a mood of joy ^{was} ^{seen} among the entire group gathered there. Besides linguistic information, the following cultural informations were also collected from them by observation and elicitation.

1. The Jarawas who came to the life-boat to collect the gift articles were amazed to see Enmen with us. They even halted their collection activities for a while. The moment Enmen was spotted by his father he took Enmen on his lap affectionately and went on silent without making any noise. Soon Enmen's mother came to the life-boat, sat beside Enmen and was seen shedding tears touching every part of her son's body by her own hands. Soon she also went on silent. Enmen also, who was till then speaking with us, followed suit, ~~he~~ probably understanding his parents' sentiments. This went on nearly five minutes. Then, Enmen was taken to the

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