

Report of First and Second intermitent contact with  
Jarawa of Middle Andaman under pilot project

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Andaman Adim Jati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) arranged first intermitent contact with the Jarawa of Middle Andaman from 2 Sept 1996 to 4 sept 1996 and 3 oct 1996 to 5 oct 1996 following recommendation of expert members at National Seminar entitled "The Future of Primitive Tribes of Andamans." held at port blair in December 1995.

The research team comprises of 7 to 9 members belong to various organisation<sup>ie</sup>. Anthropologist<sup>x</sup> from An S.I Port blair; zoologist from ZSI Port blair; doctor from RMRC Port blair; Linguist from CIIL Mysore; Futurologist from pondichery university. Besides, Executive Secretary AAJVS and Deputy Suptd. of police South/Middle Andaman division and police personel also accompanied research team. The team met 24 Jarawa men on 3 & 4 sept 1996 and 61 Jarawa men on 4 & 5 oct 1996 at Foul Bay. The Jarawa men sat in tranquil on shore after receiving coconuts and khela from members of contact team. Later, physical anthropologist took four linear measurements and body weight with a broad objective to assess nutritional status of this tribal population. Anthropologist (Cultural); doctor and zoologist too assisted while taking measurements.

The measurements include stature; circumference of head; chest, arm; calf and body weight. Steel tape and portable weighing machine are used for taking measurements on each individual subject. weighing machine is placed on a level surface on the earth. Before taking measurements,