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REPORT ON JARAWA CONTACT EXPEDITION UNDER PILOT PROJECT  
CONDUCTED FROM 5 th TO 7th NOV., 1996.

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Under the Jarawa contact expedition (pilot project) programme organised by AAJVS vide office letter No.XI-2/AAJVS/TW/vd-I/390, dated, 31.10.96, participated in the programme conducted from 5.11.96 to 7.11.96, as one of the team member for study the ethnozoological aspects of the tribe Jarawa.

The team comprising members from Dept of Tribal welfare, police, ICMR, ASI, ZSI, Linguists, CIIL, and Sri. Baktavar Sing and vide team set sailed to Middle Andaman by M.V.Tarmugli by late night on 5.11.96 and reached the shores near Baratang area, Middle Andaman, by early hours on 6.11.96. The team could made two contacts at the same place on 6th and 7th morning.

Both times on noticing the vessal, large number of Jarawas came out of the Jungle to the shores. The team carried huge quantities of unpeeled coconuts and banana bunches, pieces of red cloth, small iron rods by small boat and landed near shore.

On reaching the shore, about 30-40 Jarawas both male and female adults, young and children, swarmed the boat and every body grabbed as many coconuts, bananas, etc, as possible. They did not show any aggressive behaviour, instead welcomed the team members with friendly jesture and delighted very much. Every team member best utilised this advantage and collected as much information as passible pertaining to their subject of interest on Jarawa tribe. About plus or minus 63 and 68 heads have

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