

Report on Jarawa contact by the contact
Party on 05.11.96 to 07.11.96.

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In order to make friendship and contact with the Jarawa, the contact Party started for Jarawa territory on 5th November, '96 by M.V. Tarmugli from Phoenix Bay Jetty, Port Blair. The contact Party consist of Shri M. Agarwal Assitt commisioner, Trilal Development, Dr.V.G.Rao, Asstt. Dy. Director I.C.M.R Dr, Rao, scientist Z.S.I shri K.M. Sinha Roy, Research Associate (cultural) Anth.S.I. Dr.Ranganathan and Dr, Raja Singh linguist CIIL, and shri Bakatawar singh, Retd. Dy.S.P. along with a dozen of police personnel. Besides there were three presons who were also accompanied us to prepare a documentary film and to take photography of the Jarawa.

On 6 Nov. at 7.30 Tarmugli anchored near yadita point. From there we started to yadita point by life boat, with gift articles e.g. banana, coconuts, red cloth, and some broken parts of iron for their use. On the shore of yadita point the numbers of Jarawa including men, women and children were waiting for the ~~contact~~ contact party. After seeing the contact team the Jarawa started dancing and singing and some of them jumped into the life boat to collect gift items. During this visit we met 66 members of Jarawa including male, female and children.