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A BRIEF REPORT ON OBSERVATION DURING SENTINELESE AND
JARAWA CONTACT EXPEDITION UNDER PILOT PROJECT FROM
10 FEBRUARY - 13 FEBRUARY 1997

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Andaman Adimjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) arranged an intermitent contact with the Sentinelese at North Sentinel Island and the Jarawa at Middle Andaman Island from 10 February - 13 February 1997. The team comprises of 6 members representing various research organisations i.e. Anthropologists from Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair; Zoologist from Zoological Survey of India; Doctors from RMRC, Port Blair and G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair; Linguist from CIIL, Mysore and Director, Tribal Welfare from A & N Administration. Shri Bhaktavar Singh, Dy. S.P. (Retd.); Six Police Constables and two photographers also accompanied contact party.

The contact team met 13 Sentinelese at North Sentinel Island on 11th February 1997. Age and sex distribution of the tribesmen are given below :

Children (1-9 yrs)	=	9
Adult (Males)	=	2
(Females)	=	<u>2</u>
Total	=	<u>13</u>

During this expedition, the tribesmen did not get on life boat for receiving gifts from contact party. The team members kept several gummy bags having coconuts