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to plant the seedlings, the coconut and guava saplings and also the banana plants. Enmen, the Jarawa boy who was in the G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair, with a fractured ankle and subsequently returned to his native place after being healed, was also there and recognized us with great affection. He showed certain qualities of leadership. We were able, in the course of our interaction, to decipher certain Jarawa words which were noted down with appropriate meanings. Dr. Rao was able to apply some skin ointment on portions of the affected part of the Jarawa after they showed such to him and made signs of local application. He also took some measurements of their height and weight. A raft made of wooden logs, bamboo and sticks was located inside the jungle and what we could make out was that such rafts are used to transport themselves in crossing the creeks. A small bow was also located with them. They had decorated themselves, both men and women, with body decorations, with a preference for the red colour, which was now seen being used by the male folk, as well. Some of the team members made a small gable hut and the Jarawa took a keen interest in the making. With the help of gestures and of Enmen, the Jarawa boy, the following meanings of words could be deciphered

TA-I	+	BASKET	NAKAUGA POW	=	NECKLACE
AO	=	BOW	O-MODA	=	HAIR
NAPO	=	FISH	CHONELA	=	BANANA
PADAU	=	RAFT	TAAG	=	COCONUT

They seemed to speak with a slight nasal accent as could be noticed from observation.