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JARAWA CONTACT REPORT - JUNE 1997

The following persons accompanied the Jarawa Contact Expedition from 26.7.97 to 27.7.97.

Shri S.A. Avradhi, Director, Tribal Welfare
Shri Rao, Asstt. Director, ICMR
Dr. Kailash Chandra, Head of Office, ZSI
Shri A.K. Mahato, Dy. Commissioner
Shri N.C. Ray, Secretary to the Lt. Governor
Shri T.K. Ghosh, Head of Office, An.S.I.
Shri K.M. Sinha Roy, Research Associate, An.S.I.
Shri Bhatawar Singh, Retd. S.P.

along with photographers.

The Contact Party started for Middle Andamans on 26.6.97 at about 11.00 P.M. by M.V. Tarmugli. Contact was made with the Jarawa on the morning of 27.6.97, at Lakralungta. Gift articles of bahabas, coconuts, red cloths, raw iron pieces, seedlings and guava plants were distributed among them at Lakralungta where we reached from the main ship with the help of machine boats. The Jarawa were present on the shore and gave us a hearty welcome when we landed. They were quick to help themselves to the gift articles. Thereafter, they freely mixed with us and sang songs and communicated with us through sign language. The total number of Jarawa present there were 15 nos. in all, 5 Adult males, 5 Adult Females, 1 Female child, 2 male children and 2 ~~infant~~ infants. They came and talked with us in their dialect and associated with us affectionately, sometimes embracing us, sometimes tugging at our clothes and sometimes sitting on our laps and cuddling us. We played some little games with them. They were made