

72 It has been observed that Jarawas of the South Andaman Island are coming down to the Andaman trunk Road almost every day. They reportedly stop the vehicles to get in or to climb. The vehiclists pick them up and drop them at Middle Strait. The Jarawas are given gifts like coconut and banana at the Middle Strait and they are again dropped back by using some vehicle travelling from Middle Strait towards the Port Blair.

73 The bus passengers offer the Jarawas various items including eatables. At times it has been reported that the Jarawas have tried to snatch articles from the passengers. Further I have noticed the Jarawa children travelling on the loaded trucks which is quite risky as they could be thrown over board of the moving vehicle. To avoid such situation it is suggested as under:-

- (i) A team consisting of a social worker, two labourers, two constables of Jarawa Protection Force shall move/patrol constantly in the sector of Andaman Trunk Road where the Jarawas are often coming down to road.
- (ii) The Jarawas instead of being picked up and taken to Middle Strait will be taken to their huts by the team. The gifts like coconut, banana will be distributed near their huts only.
- (iii) The Jarawas will not be allowed to be picked up by the other vehiclists on the ATR.
- (iv) Fruit bearing trees can be planted near their huts as it has been done in the Middle Andaman Island with the help of Forest Department.
- (v) The Linguist from Central Institute of Indian Language, Mysore can also be involved for communication with the Jarawas.