

plunder the gardens etc. only in the nights. This situation continued till the end of 1997.

(8). January, 1998 was the turning point in the Jarawa situation in Andaman Islands. Shri Enmay, Jarawa youth alongwith few other Jarawa boys of Middle Andaman Island came to Uttara jetty of Middle Andaman Island in the broad day light without bows and arrows. The enthusiastic villagers gave gifts like Biscuits etc. to the group and the officials dropped Shri Enmay and others back into their territory. There are different hypotheses to explain this turning point which would include the following :-

- (a). Enmay Factor - Shri Enmay, the Jarawa youth of Middle Andaman Island was picked up by the officials of the Administration when he was found lying at the out skirt of Kadamtala village in the 1996. He had a fracture in his leg. Enmay was brought to Port Blair and was given medical treatment in the Civil Hospital for many months. While he was here at Port Blair he was exposed to the civilized world and its people. He got a friendly and healing the treatment by the people over here.
- (b) He was dropped back into his area following the complete treatment. It appears that Enmay explained to his other fellow tribes men about his experience with the people and the world he saw out side his forest area. He must have convinced them that other people are friendly and well behaved so it is not only not risky but will be interesting and fun to go to the villages in the day time. Thus the Jarawas of Middle Andaman Island started coming out into the non tribal areas during the day time, which is a change in their behavior as they used to visit the villages during the nights to plunder gardens etc. in the past.
- (c) The Jarawas of South Andaman island must have come to know the development of inter action of the Jarawas of Middle Andaman with the villagers subsequently so the Jarawas of South Andaman too followed the suit of the Jarawas of Middle Andaman Island.