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To

1. Shri Atul Behari Vajpayee,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.
2. Shri L.K. Advani,
Union Home Minister,
New Delhi.

Sub:- Problems faced by Jarawas (aboriginal tribes of Andaman)
- intervention of Govt. of India demanded - regarding.

Sir,

I am to state that the JARAWA is an aboriginal tribe of these islands mostly residing in South Andaman and Kadamtala area. In the past, these Jarawas are in the habit of attacking civilian population including police and forest official. Hence a Force called Bush Police was established in these islands to afford protection to the inhabitants of the area.

2. This Bush Police force is existing for the past 40 years. The Bush Police was patrolling in the jungle area and used to make blank fire in the jungle to threaten the jarawas not to come near to the settlement area or Forest/AFWD camps. So, the Jarawas were roaming in the sea-shore side of reserved forest and were depending sea fish for their survival.

3. Now a days, the position is totally changed. The foreign Poachers particularly Burmese are coming often to this area and killing the Jarawas including their kids by the fire arms. They also destroy the hutments of Jarawas. They destroy Forest and take away costly timber by BEEDA(floating) to their countries. These activities of the poachers have forced the Jarawas to retreat from their locality, and they find it difficult to earn their food from the sea. They take only fork and do not kill the deer. Now, because of scarcity of food, these Jarawas have started coming to settlement area to beg for food.

4. Two years back an young Jarawas got seriously fractured one of his leg at Kadamtala, and he was brought to GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair for treatment. After taking treatment for a few months, he was taken back to the same place from where he was brought. This boy had influenced the Jarawas of Lakkada Low (Near Kadamtala) to come to Kadamtala without any fear and to mingle with local people. Now, this boy is working as Home Guard and posted at Kadamtala Police Station.

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