

Anthropologist & Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India, addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, regarding alleged violation of code of conduct by some members of the contact expedition team which visited the Jarawas on 18th/19th of November, 1994.

The main allegations made by Shri A. Justin are as under:-

1. "Some members of the Bush Police Personnel were found fondling the breasts of Jarawa women".
2. "Not only the contact team inveigle the Jarawa into aping aerobics but also mishandled some of the teenagers".

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In this regard, it may be submitted that the above allegations are totally false, baseless, ~~and~~ mis-conceived and without any substance. Accordingly, the same are vehemently denied. Firstly, it is not understandable how any member of the Bush Police could dare to fondle the breasts of any Jarawa woman particularly when so many senior officers of the Administration like Secretary(TW), Chief Port Administrator, Director(TW), Deputy Supdt. of Police(HQ) etc were all along present during the course of contact with the Jarawas. The Directorate of Tribal Welfare would like Shri Justin to substantiate ^{prove} his allegations.

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Regarding the second allegation also, we do not find any substance in the same in as much as ^{no} ~~any~~ member of the contact team was found doing anything unwanted or unusual ^{other than} or what has been happened ^{ing} during the previous expeditions. This we are saying after watching the video cassettes of the previous contact expeditions. It is wrong to say that any of the members of the contact team had mishandled any of the teenagers of the Jarawa tribe. In this regard also, we would like the Anthropologists of the contact team to substantiate their allegation. Notwithstanding the observations of the Anthropologists, in our view, to say the least, this was one of the most friendly contact made with the Jarawas.

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Remarks of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor on the face of