

REPORT ON THE TOUR TO JARAWA AND
SENTINELESE HABITAT

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To make a friendly contact with the Jarawa and Sentinelese, a contact party was organised in April 1996 in collaboration with the AAJVS and other Central Govt. organisations viz. the Anthropological Survey of India, ZSI & ICMR. The contact party consist of Shri N. Prasad, Chief Secretary, Shri C.P. Oberoi, P.C.C.F., Shri K.K. Jindal, Director, Tribal Welfare, Shri S. Baniwal acting ICP, Shri A. Gupta, Executive Secretary, AAJVS, Dr. V.R. Rao, Asstt. Dy. Director, I.C.M.R., Dr. R. Chandra, Office-in-charge, ZSI, Shri K.M. Sinha Roy, Research Associate (Cultural), Anthropological Survey of India, Shri Baktawar Singh, Retd., Dy. S.P. along with a dozen of Armed and bush police personnel. Besides there were three persons who were to accompany us to prepare a documentary film and to take photography of the Jarawa and Sentinelese. The contact party boarded the ship M.V. Targuili who left Phoenix Bay jetty at 10.30 P.M. for Jarawa territory.

At 6 A.M. on 11th April, we proceeded to Lakralungta by life boat, with gift articles e.g. coconuts, bananas, choppers (daos) and aluminium utensils which were to be distributed to the Jarawa. The team could not see any Jarawa at Lakralungta and decided to proceed towards yadita point. Here we saw Jarawa scattered here and there & signalled them to follow us by walk to Yadita point. On seeing