

At about 12:30 hrs. the Jarawas came out in various groups from five different places. Five of them had extracted honey. Few had coconuts around 50 to 60 in numbers and five plastic bags full of raw plantain and some bettle nuts. The claim of the villager is very much on the higher side as 40 Jarawas cannot carry 500 coconuts, 3000 nos. of bettele nut and 5 bags of plantain.

During discussion with the Jarawas they informed that they had gone for extraction of honey and wood. They had left behind their children and for the last few days they had no catch of wild boar. They added that it takes three to four days for getting a hunt, which is very scarce these days. They can live without food for many days but cannot let their wife and children starve. Hence, as there was no food available in their camp, they had collected the same from villages in Mile Tilak. The Jarawas were persuaded not to repeat such incidents. On my request they felt very shy and hesitated in discussing the issue any more. They assured that they will not enter into any village hereafter.

It is to mention here that such type of incident of entering into Mile Tilak has never ever happened in the near past and it is seen that they are cooking rice. It seems obvious that there is a certain change in the attitude and habits of the Jarawas. More than 400 Jarawa mouthsare to be fed daily. They are shifting to different other sources of food due to increase in population and demand.