To

The Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District, Port Blair.

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Sub: Incident report pertaining to Jarawa people

This is to inform that on 16/04/2013 in the first convoy at 0600 Sir, hrs total 71 vehicles including Truck/Tata Van etc. passed through Jirkatang No. 2 toward Middle Strait. At about 0705 hrs the driver of the escort vehicle HG/456 Lalith informed I/C JPP ASI Karthikeyan over his mobile phone that one Tata Van bearing Reg. No. AN-01-B2115 had developed some snag at about 9 KM from JPP Jirkatang because of uphill and over load and the said vehicle has stopped and its cabin is also full of smoke. Due to non-availability of mobile network at 9 Km HG/456 Lalith had proceeded to 13 KM and informed the in-charge ASI Karthikeyan. He also intimated him that driver and the helper have checked the lock and accompanied with him in Govt. vehicle T/Sumo to 13 KM. On receipt of this information at about 0720 hrs, HC/1353 Abdul Salam with 1-5-5 and PC/2794 Shambu Moorthy were dispatched for safety of the said vehicle on Motor Cycle. After giving the information from 13 KM the escort vehicle had left along with the convoy.

On reaching at the spot (HC/1353 Abdul Salam and PC/2794 Shambu Moorthy) observed that Jarawa Tribe people had already broken the lock of the tata van bearing No. AN-01-B-2115 and articles/items which were kept in the vehicles were removed by them and kept near the jungle/ bushes. On seeing the police party 05 Jarawa tribe people flew away in the jungle. After that the police party recovered 3 bag rice, 2 packet cooking oil and one box containing salt from the bushes/jungle and loaded in the vehicle. Meanwhile, the driver and helper also reached there and after repairing the vehicle they returned to Jirkatang at about 1020 hrs. On asking about the items missing from the vehicle they told that after proper verification they would tell about the same. Immediately this information was passed to the undersigned by I/C JPP and staff of AAJVS Shri Anup, Field Officer over his mobile phone at Kadamtala. At 1105 hrs ASI Karthikeyan proceeded to 9 KM in search of AAJVS field staff but none was found available, thereafter he searched the place around where the vehicle has broke down but no more items/articles were found and then he returned to JPP at about 1240 hrs. At 1450 hrs AAJVS staff Budh Bahadur was informed about the incident by the I/C JPP and told him to recover more ration articles from Jarawa, if any. On 17/04/13 at about 1635 hrs after completion of his duty, Shri Budh Bahadur came to JPP and informed, that no more ration articles were found in the huts of Jarawa tribe and on questioning of Jarawa tribe people, they told that could unload the only ration articles from the vehicle which have been already recovered by the police and apart from these nothing was removed. The report of I/C JPP Jirkatang is also enclosed for reference.

Submitted please,

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