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F.No.5-OC/AAJVS/KT/2012-13/35

Dated 10th August, 2013

To

Executive Secretary
AAJVS
Port Blair

Sub: Detention of police personnel and escort vehicle by Jarawas at ATR -reg.

Ref: F.No:11-2/AAJVS/2012/354 dated 22/07/2013

Sir,

With reference to the SP (South Andaman) letter No: SP (D/SA)/2013/3785 dated 8th July, 2013, self accompanied by Shri Debrata Mondal had conducted a detailed enquiry and submitting the following facts.

1. Form 19/06/13 to 03/07/13 AAJVS contract jeep provided at Middle Strait area was not available so during that period the Jarawas used police vehicle for going one camp to another camp.

2. On 27/06/2013 Shri Zubair, DRM, AAJVS was deployed at Potatang camp on watch and ward duty of Jarawas. Shri Zubair reached at Potatang around 0950 hrs by second convoy left from Jirkatang at 0900 hrs and he left Potatang camp within 15-20 minutes by second convoy left from Middle Strait at 0930 hrs. The said incident took place in the same convoy. If, Shri Zubair was present on duty at Potatang, the incident could be avoided.

3. On enquiry about the matter Topo (Jarawa boy) and other Jarawas revealed that all Jarawas residing at Potatang were decided to going to Choudhary ghumai camp (9 km) to further visit to Tirur area. Topo's wife namely Kuhoyab was pregnant and there would be no Jarawa women at Potatang camp to attend her delivery. Thus Topo also decided to go to Choudhary Ghumai alongwith other Jarawas who may take care of his wife after or before delivery.


On 27/06/2013 due to not availability of any field staff on duty and contract vehicle they had stopped the escort vehicle and requested the driver Shri Selva Kumar to drop them alongwith their household items at Choudhary Ghumai. Topo requested Shri Selva Kumar to allow his pregnant wife to sit in the cabin of the vehicle but he refused. On this, Topo slightly hit Selva Kumar on the chest with handle of Dha (not blunt side of Dha as mentioned in the letter of the SP). Topo stated that he hit the driver just to threaten him so that the driver allowed his wife to sit in cabin. After that the driver and the constable left Topo and other Jarawas at Choudhari Ghumai camp by the same escort vehicle. Further, it is to inform that on 28/07/2013 Kuhoyab w/o Topo delivered a male child at Choudhari Ghumai camp.

Sir, form the enquiry it is clear that the incident has taken place due to irresponsibility and negligency in duty of Shri Zubai, DRM, AAJVS and also not availability of contract jeep in Middle Strait area during that period. It is further inform you that Shri Zubair is frequently absenting from duty without any intimation and discharging duties on his own wish and whim.

The matter has already been informed to the Secretary (TW) in presence of Director (TW) during meeting convened by the Secretary (TW) in his chamber on 29/06/2013.

Submitted for your kind information and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,


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