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Dated the 7th October, 2013

To

The Executive Secretary AAJVS
Port Blair

Sub: Inquiry report on visit of Jarawas in Panchayat office, Kadamtala on 03/10/2013-Reg.

Sir,

This is to inform you that on 6th October, 2013 self accompanied by Shri Swapan Howlader, Bhajan Biswas, Janjati Sevaks, AAJVS, SHO, Kadamtala and other police personnel visited Jarawa habited at Huelele (western coast) for further investigation and recording of statement of Jarawas on crime Case No.31/13 dated 05/10/2013 registered U/s 7/8 (2) (6) PAT 1956 at PS, Kadamtala against (1) Shri Maharaja Bala alias Raja S/o Late Hari Bala R/o Kadamtala (2) Shri Suresh Xaxa S/o Shri Banadick Xaxa R/o Kadamtala (3) Shri Surender alias Suren S/o Shri Lakpati R/o Broombally, Kadamtala and (4) Shri Swapan Biswas alias Toko S/o Shri Bhagirat Biswas R/o Broombally, Kadamtala.

Joint inquiry has been conducted by the undersigned and SHO, Kadamtala in presence of Janjati Sevaks and six Jarawas at Huelele. From the inquiry Jarawas namely Kopel, Aape, Cheo and Abu revealed that Maharaja and his assistant Keshob Mistry came in Hochabotha camp for hunting five days before of their visit at Kadamtala Panchayat on 03/10/2013. At Hochabota camp Maharaja told them to come in Kadamtala Panchyat office and meet to Pradhan (*Bada admi*) and demand for rice, oil, clothes etc.

Aape stated that accordingly on 02/10/2013 evening he and other nine Jarawas namely Cheo, Telo, Tingalem, Tenmai, Abu, Oyantho, Taleta, and Kopel, Thedomoho came in Maharaja's house at Kadamtala through jungle road from Hochbota camp (coastal area). Maharaja called *Bada admi* of the village i.e. Pradhan, Kadamtala panchyat in his house. Bada Admi told Aape and other Jarawas to come in his office at Kadamtala bazaar tomorrow morning and tell him about their demand without any fear and he will talk to DC and LG sahab and they will come in Kadamtala to fulfill their demands. They also informed that at night bada admi noted down their demand for rice, clothes etc. and also discussed their problems and demands with a babu over mobile phone. Bada Admi also insisted Aape to speak with babu about their demands through his mobile phone. It is suspected that the babu may be a press reporter.