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**OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL WELFARE OFFICER
ANDAMAN ADIM JANJATI VIKAS SAMITI
KADAMTALA, MIDDLE ANDAMAN**

F.No.1-Gen/AAJVS/KT/2013-14/54

Dated the 4th October, 2013

✓ To

The Station House Officer
Police Station
Kadamtala

Sub: Filing Complaint-Reg.

Sir,

I am to complaint that, on 03/10/2013 around 0840 hrs ten Jarawas namely Aape, Cheo, Telo, Tingalem, Tenmai, Abu, Oyantho, Taleta, and Kopel, Thedomoho reached at Kadamtala through jungle road. Immediate AAJVS staffs reached on the spot and asked the Jarawas about their sudden visit at Kadamtala. One of the Jarawa boy named Aape told that they want to meet "Bada Admi" of the village i.e. village Pradhan. Aape and others met Pradhan and told him that they want to talk to DC or LG sahab and they demand for rice, oil, salt, masala items and good quality of Daha and axe and Degchi etc. After that all Jarawas brought at PS, Kadamtala. Assistant Commissioner, Rangat came at PS, Kadamtala and asked the Jarawas about their demand. The leader of the team Aape asked for degchi, rice, salt, oil etc. The Assistant commissioner, Rangat assured them AAJVS will provide only iron materials within three days.

In order to find out the actual fact behind the entire episode all Jarawas brought in AAJVS office, Uttara and an enquiry has been initiated by me and Janjati Sevaks and found very shocking information about frequent poaching by civilians.

1. Jarawa boys Kopel and Abu revealed that five days before i.e. on 29/09/2013 Shri Maharaja Bala alias Raja S/o Late Hari Bala R/o Kadamtala and his assistant came in their habitat at Hochabotha (western coast) and halted two days for hunting. They have provided rice, cooking oil, tobacco, etc to them at their habitat. Abu reported that Raja given alcohol many times to Jarawas. Raja also instigated Tahi, Kopel and other Jarawas for coming in Panchayat office, Kadamtala and to meet Pradhan and tell him to speak with LG and DC sahab for food and other items. Raja is a black smith and at present he is running a shop at Kadamtala bazaar. Thus he insisted the Jarawa boys to recommend his name to Pradhan to engage him in AAJVS for making iron implements for them.

Cheo and other Jarawas revealed that Raja is frequently coming in their habitat in coastal area for hunting of wild boar and catching of crabs etc. He usually engages Jarawas for hunting and transporting of hunted items up to Phooltal and Kadamtala. They also stated that earlier Cheo, Tahi and Obeya came at Kadamtala along with Raja and halted his house for one night. Raja given them alcohol and rice, oil and tobacco, zarda, lime (chuna) etc. Cheo also stated that one time Tenmai and Titaha had came alongwith Raja in his house at Kadamtala with five numbers of wild pigs.