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The Executive Secretary
AAJVS
Port Blair

Sub: Explanation to memorandum-reg
Sir,

With reference to office memorandum no: 11-2/AAJVS/2012/ 668 dated 16th October 2013 of the Executive Secretary, AAJVS, I am to state that ever since my appointment as Tribal Welfare Officer in AAJVS I have discharge my duties with utmost sincerity and dedication. I have never ever acted, at any moment, against the interest of the Jarawas. During many occasions I have submitted report regarding poaching in Jarawa area. Many cases were registered under the PAT and Atrocities act.

I had submitted a detail area wise report on poaching vide letter no: 5-OC/AAJVS/KT/2013-14/44 dated 16/08/2013. Based on this report, the Chief Secretary has issued DO letters to PCCF and DGP wherein 19 poachers were arrested and sent to jail.

Due to my persuasion, during many occasions, the Jarawas have apprehended poachers both Indian and foreigners which I had reported to the Executive Secretary, AAJVS vide letter dated 12th September 2008. (Copy enclosed).

I had handed over cases of poaching in Kadamtala area and reported vide letter no: 1-Gen/AAJVS/KT/2012-13/25 dated 10th July 2013, (copy enclosed). An FIR was lodged on 11th July 2013 No: 20/13 at PS, Kadamtala, on the basis of this report.

During several occasions, I had reported the matter in my monthly progress. Copy of letter dated 28/04/2011, 5/05/2007, 08/02/2009, 8/10/2012 and 18/09/2012 are enclosed for kind perusal. Due to this patrolling activities were intensified. The matter was also raised during the DLMC meeting at O/O Deputy Commissioner Mayabunder, I had raised the issue of poaching. (Copy enclosed). Whenever an Officer visits, Kadamtala, I raise the issue of poaching for his / her attention and guidance provided on the spot is complied. **After all the efforts I had taken, poaching activities almost nil from 2012 to June 2013.**

The incident that occurred o 3rd October 2013 was due to various factors including political mismanagement, poaching by villagers residing in and around the residence of Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Kadamtala. They venture into the jungle during late night hours. Due to supply of ration items, which are not supplied by AAJVS, to the Jarawas, they were silent hence, we had no clue about the poaching. On inquiry from the Jarawa, they reported that this activity is going since few months. **It is also revealed from the Jarawas that the people are going to the jungle in search of hidden treasures left over during the colonial rule during the course of interaction with the Jarawas.**

Sir, in conclusion, I am to add that I am looking after the duties of Tribal Welfare Officer of Kadamtala and Jirkatang to Middle Strait which ranges from Jirkatang to Lewis Inlet bay about 150 kilometres in stretch. I had been given 07 seven staff for the entire area which is just 30% of the actual requirement. I require two staff permanently at Jarawa ward Kadamtala. In between, I had constructed hotspots at Phooltala and Potatang, work at Lakra Lungta is under way.

Sir, with the limited resources available with me I have worked only towards the welfare of the Jarawas and shall continue to do so in future also. The incidence that took place in Kadamtala is **only to due to political interference with vested motives** and there is no negligence on my part or my subordinates part.

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Yours faithfully

(Anup Kumar Mondal)
Tribal Welfare Officer
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