

To

The S.H.O
P.S. Bamboo Flat

Sir,

This is to inform you that on 06/08/09 our field staff namely Shri G.Vanket Rao (PCM) and Shri K. Papa Rao (PCM) of Middle Strait area informed me that some residents of Soal Bay had entered the Jarawa reserve area for lumbering. The residents interacted with Jarawas and offered them food in return asked the Jarawas to help them in cutting & transporting cane sticks.

That, based on the above information I have informed to the Executive Secretary and Dy. SP (Middle Andaman) over telephone on the same day. The Dy. SP asked me to come to JPP, Jirkatang yesterday i.e. on 07/02/09. Yesterday me, Dy. SP (Middle Andaman) & other AAJVS field Attendants & police staff went to Poona Nallah Jarawa camp where Jarawas namely Thoya, Ashu, Tangana and Laha verified the news given by G.Vanket Rao & K.Papa Rao & further they said that they could take us to the spot where the trees and cane had been cut. Since the location told by them was Poona Nallah which takes 2 hrs. dinghy ride from Wright Mio, it was decided that the witnessed Jarawas to be shifted to Primary Health Centre, Tushanabad and the journey be undertaken the next day i.e. today.


Accordingly today morning myself, Dy. SP (MA) Shri Manishi Chandra, K. Papa Rao, Debrata Mondal, Sharfuddin (all AAJVS staff) along with Spike Island Shri Sahil Shamsuddin, H/C Shri V.D.S.Babu, P/C Shri Mustafa and P/C Shri G.C. Das, Forest Guard Shri Jaikumar and Jarawas namely Thoya, Ashu, Tangana and Laha boarded a private dinghy owned by E.Trinath at the Wright Mio jetty & left for Pema Nallah at 7.00am in morning. On reaching Pema Nallah around 9.30 Am the Jarawas lead us to the spot where several cut trees and cane were found. The forest Guard confirmed that the area was within the Jarawa reserve. The statement of the accompanying Jarawas was recorded on the spot where in they disclosed that for the last three or four weeks, several people had been coming from Soal Bay area (the area is known to them because of the BSNL tower which is right opposite to Pema Nallah) in engine dinghies and cutting the trees. On one such occasion the Jarawas, who were hunting in their area met those non-tribes and they offered the Jarawas food items like rice, *atta goli* and asked the Jarawas that if they wanted more, they should help the non-tribes in cutting & transporting the trees and cane. The Jarawas helped them in greed for food. On our survey of the area, it was found that at least 25-30 trees & the large numbers of cane were cut & the waste was left over. After recording the statement of the Jarawas, with the help of AAJVS interpreters, the team has now returned to Bamboo Flat and I am submitting this complaint.

Kindly take necessary legal action in this regard.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Date: 08/02/09
Place: Bamboo Flat


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AAJVS, Kadamtala

Copy to: The E.S, AAJVS for kind information please.

Case registered at P.S. Bamboo Flat