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## **REPORT / COMMENTS ONF BUFFER ZONE**

### **BRIFING ON RECENT PAST:**

It is well known to everyone that the accidental coming of Enmey at Uttara Jetty after his medical treatment at GB PANT Hospital proved to be a positive historic turn both for the Jarawas and civilians settled adjacent to their habitation. Although they visited the villages in the wake of Enmey but it was just for their curiosity in early stage and later on they used to collect food items, clothes and also raided in village areas for looting of house hold items etc. At this stage, their exposure attracted many strangers from different locations to have a look them and this practice hardly continued till 2002 - 2003.

Gradually the AAJVS staff checked it successfully by offering some gift items like coconuts and banana at their habitation and planted some fruit bearing trees like banana, coconut, mango, pineapple, guava, papaya etc. at Spike Island and Lakra Lungta. Since then the Jarawas hardly visited village areas nor indulge making raid and looting household items. And once again they returned their way of hunting and gathering for their livelihood due to persistence counseling to them by AAJVS staff and discontinuation of supply of coconuts and bananas deliberately to make them independent.

Now the Jarawas only pay visit to some specific contact points like Bamboo Tikry, Phooltala, JPP Camp No. 3, JPP Camp No. 15, JPP Camp Charlungta and Lewis Inlet Bay for specific purpose like reporting of poaching activities or complaint of health for medical treatment.

### **VIEWS ON BUFFER ZONE:**

It is stated from observation that the Jarawas do not pay visit to civilian habitation nor do they indulge in any type of ferocious or raiding activities rather confined themselves within restricted reserved areas and enjoying their free style of traditional life. As they keep aloof from civilians and do not come out frequently or the civilians are allowed into their reserved area, so there is no possibility for untoward incidents affecting their livelihood / survival. Moreover, no prospect of tourism development / activities could be flourished in Buffer Zone area right from Kadamtala to Lewis Inlet Bay as there is no such location / spot which may attracts the tourist for any thing. As such, further 5 Km area under Buffer Zone is not necessarily required in view of some but of course it can be reduced certain limit taking into account different settlement areas adjacent to Jarawa reserve like Phooltala, Yeaterjig and Kalsi.

### **BUFFER ZONE IN CONTENT OF SEA / COASTAL:**

As regards the Buffer Zone on sea route the distance of reserve area has been extended from 500 meters to 5 Km as per the Administration's Notification issued on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2004. But, practically from time immemorial the Jarawas never tried their