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Port Blair dated 25 Oct 2013

The Executive Secretary  
AAJVS, Port Blair

**Sub : Report on Jarawa Incident on 18-10-2013**

Sir,

In response to the Office order No 393 dated 23-10-2013, self came from Dugong Creek and reported for duty on this date i.e. 25 Oct 2013 F/N in your office. Right after hours at around 1100 Hrs self reached the Jarawa ward in PHC Tusnabad. Met the AAJVS staffs and the concerned Medical Officer.

With reference to the article published in the Andaman Chronicle dated 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2013 self enquired into the matter with discussion with AAJVS Janjati Sevaks present there in the PHC namely 1) Shri. Anil, 2) Shri. Navdeep Mondal, 3) Shri. Sarfuddin 4) Shri. Ramesh Madhu, 4) Smti Sandhya Mondal and Dr. Aditya Narayan Medical Officer, PHC, Tusnabad.

As on this date my investigation report is placed herebelow.

On 18-10-2013 Shri Navdeep Mondal, Janjati Sevak of AAJVS brought an injured Jarawa unmarried girl namely **Thorwathal** aged 35 yrs from Bamboo Nalli, Tirur. Self met with the patient in presence of another Jarawa girl namely Autha (F 24) who knows Hindi. It has been stated initially by the Jarawa patient that she fell down from a tree due to which she got injury. Being little dissatisfied with this my further enquiry deep into the matter revealed that on the day of incident one Jarawa boy namely Anjane wanted to establish physical relationship with her. On refusal of the girl (Thorwathal) he (Anjane) became impatient and got tempered and hit her with a chopper in anger.

From my overall consciousness and experience it may be underlined that the issue is entirely within the domain of their own social –strata and intra-social behavior. In view of the fact that this is however a very sensitive issue (the patient was hesitating to tell), self did not go further with the conventional interrogation with the strong fear that this may hamper their sentiments or generate result in any other manner.

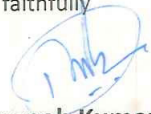
As far as taking this incident as a 'strange case' is concerned, I am to submit that since long time it has been happening in the Jarawa community particularly at Tirur. So there is nothing new in this.

As far as the article published in the paper is concerned, strict action should be taken up against such disturbing news item which adversely affect our routine work towards welfare of the Jarawas. They blindly published the rough hearsay. As they mentioned in the report a Jarawa man Torveta consumed liquor... which is baseless and false..while Torveta was not in the scene. On the day of incident he was camped in Tirur A1 area. Secondly, the paper mentioned that Anjale was injured by Torveta. But here in the PHC the Jarawa girl Thorwathal was injured. So the said paper was purely wrong in their news.

I further submit that while evacuating the patient to PHC Tusnabad, the news originating villager(s) perhaps got to collect some Jarawa names and a rough information about the incident and forthwith these were forwarded to be published.

Submitted Please.

Yours faithfully

  
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