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DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

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Port Blair dated the 15th October, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

It was reported on 03rd October, 2013 that few Jarawas emerged from the forest and entered Kadamtala village demanding rice, oil, salt, masala items and good quality iron tools. A field enquiry conducted by the Director (Tribal Welfare) and Dr Vishvajit Pandya, Member, Research Advisory Board of ANTRI showed that the whole episode was pre-planned by some of the local poachers of Kadamtala area with vested interest. The Tribal Welfare Officer, AAJVS, Kadamtala filed a FIR, based on the depositions/ revelations made by the Jarawas themselves. The SHO, Kadamtala, filed a criminal case bearing No. 31/13 dated 05.10.2013 U/S 7/8 (2) (6) of the A&N islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulations, 1956 and took up the matter for further investigation.

2. A careful reading of the First Information Report submitted by the Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala clearly shows that the unauthorised entry into the Jarawa Tribal Reserve and poaching by the accused persons was going on for quite a long time, without any check by the authorities who were mandated to prevent such violations of Regulations framed by the Central Government. Explanation may be called for, from the Tribal Welfare Officer concerned, as to why disciplinary proceeding under the relevant Service Rule applicable, should not be initiated against him, for the serious lapses noted. The explanation should reach the undersigned within 07 days.

3. The Executive Secretary, AAJVS is also directed to ensure that such violations do not recur in future. He shall issue written instructions to all the field staff and officers of AAJVS in this regard.

(G. Theva Neethi Dhas)
Secretary (Tribal Welfare)

To

The Executive Secretary,
AAJVS

Copy to:-

- 1) The Director (TW), A&N Administration
- 2) Sr PS to CS/Ch.(EC, AAJVS)

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Secretary (Tribal welfare)