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He said that there is no compensation for loss of crops, tools and implements. The villagers belong to the BPL family and agriculture / fishing are the only source of earning. The Jarawas may be civilized and brought to main stream society.

He added that the Jarawas demand food, education, proper health care etc. They also need empowerment. AAJVS must increase its staff strength.

Shri. Revthiranjana Mondal ex-Pradhan stated that in 1997, 70 Jarawas came to Tirur. Poachers from Burma, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Indonesia come to Tirur area and takes home, valuable timber, sea food etc. Some local poachers are also involved and at present Police have decreased the number of JPP camps. There is no compensation package. Only 5% people of the area are involved in illegal activities. The villagers should come together and fight against these illegal activities. He added that AAJVS, Forest, Police and the villagers should work together for the betterment of area and the Jarawas.

He added that, it is seen that no one has the courage to raise voice against people like Sujoy and throw them out of the village. He also said that the villages are equally responsible for continuance of the illegal activities.

He requested that a medical-sub centre may be opened at templemyo for the treatment of the Jarawas. A medical officer may be posted so that he can provide service to the Jarawas and the villagers.

The Up-Pradhan informed that the hotspot built at Tirur is very close to the settlement area and there are chances for illegal activities.

The members unanimously appreciated the efforts of Dr. Pronob Kumar Sircar put in since last one month and has seen drastic change in the Jarawa situation.

Shri. Mohan Halder, Pradhan said that AAJVS is a very vital department for his Panchayat and their participation especially in the Gram Sabha is necessary. AAJVS must participate in the next meeting of the Gram Sabha. The Jarawas took items from 30 households at Collinpur. After assessment we had submitted the details of the loss for compensation but it was blamed that the villagers have claim exorbitant rates for compensation. He questioned whether villagers will get any compensation for loss created by the Jarawas. He requested for a hospital at Collinpur. He further added that the villagers of these areas are victims of Tsunami, flood, cyclone and loss by Jarawas.