

O.P. Tixer namely Ramashish Yadav PC 2041 and one Home Guard namely Mahesh Tikoy HBI 725, Forester namely K. Chakraborty and Majdoor, Sanjay Narayan both are attached to Range Office Tutinabad, conducted surveillance in the Jarawa Reserve (West Coast, South Andaman). We left the office of Tribal welfare officer, AATVS Collinpur at around 1700 hrs. We reached Thakona around 1745 hrs and contacted the Jarawas who camped there. The Jarawas particularly Anjala, Aninjamu, Elangoto and Titaithey informed that two days ago (14-01-2014) a poacher namely that a group led by one poacher called 'Natiya' took with them the Jarawa girls namely Manji, Ethaji, Opehauney, and Chadaley from Bamboonalli (Jarawa Reserve) 4 days ago (11-01-2014) to Hiren Tekai (Jarawa Reserve).

On receipt of the above shocking information from the Jarawas we reached Bada Balu near Hiren Tekai (West Coast) at around 1950 hrs. On reaching there (Bada Balu) we found an engine dinghy towing a country ear dinghy (Haalis dorgi). To our surprise we found in the dinghy the Jarawa girls namely Manji, Ethaji, Opehauney and Chadaley. The persons boarded on the apprehended dinghy were -

1. Ashit S/o. P. N Mendal R/o. Collinpur
2. Tapan Mendal S/o. Naren Mendal R/o. Collinpur
3. Bisbal Mendal S/o. Naren Mendal R/o. Collinpur
4. Rajesh Das alias 'Natiya' S/o. Sudhir Das R/o. Temple Myo

On seeing us they started running with the Jarawa girls even on the warning of our armed policeman. Since they were towing an ear dinghy they could not get the desired speed and we caught them. At that point of time the Jarawas accompanied us to their patience and attacked physically on them. They started beating them with sticks and boulders. Somehow we controlled them and their aggressiveness little subsided.

The apprehended poachers with their dinghies we brought to Uttara Jetty at around 1715 hrs (today) to report before you sir. On enquiry from the Jarawa girls they revealed that all the above poachers came and come frequently into their Reserve. They engage the girls in various kinds of labour work such as hunting of crab and fishing for the poachers. They sexually exploit the Jarawa girls. They engage the Jarawa boys in hunting of deer and in fishing activities. They collect from the Jarawas crab, deer, pig, resin (dhoop), honey and fish and in place of them they give the Jarawas pan, tobacco leaves, arecanut, zarda, wool, cloth items, soap, shampoos, vegetable oil, spices for cooking, rice, sugar and tea leaves etc. They give alcohol to the Jarawa men.

The Jarawa also informed that they not only engage the Jarawa but also engage them -  
 ✓ in pitching of hunting trap and fishing in Jarawa Reserve areas.  
 ✓ as per the prevailing law particularly in use of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Amendment, Regulation Act 2012 and relevant sections under SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989. It may also be noted that cases under ANPATR have already been registered against few of them including Sujay.

The items we found in their ceased dinghies mentioned in the enclosed inventory sheet.

Submitted Please

Encl: as above

Copy to :- 1. The Secretary (TW), A&N Administration for kind information please  
 2. The Director (TW), A&N Administration for kind information please  
 3. Executive Secretary, AATVS, Port Blair for kind information please

Yours faithfully

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