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May kindly refer to Secy(TW)'s note at para 204/N and the Hon'ble LG's orders thereon at para 206/N regarding the incidents of unauthorised interaction with the Jarawa Tribals by the poachers (non-tribals). The follow up action report on various issues is submitted as under:-

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The gender sensitization among the Jarawa tribe was carried out on 6th February, 2014 by an official team consisting of the Director (TW), Tribal Welfare Officer, Tirur, Research Associates and Janjati Sevaks in Tirur area. The team visited their Chadda (traditional hut constructed in the corner of Tirur village). The team observed that the Jarawas, both men and women were busy with their traditional activities like making of iron arrow heads, collection of honey being dry season, clay painting etc. Adequate quantity of their traditional food items such as honey, fish, crab etc was found stocked in their hut. The team further observed that their food habits have changed to the extent that besides taking traditional food items, they have started eating rice, dal, cooked fish, vegetables and edible oil like non-tribals, so is the case with the dresses. The Jarawa boys were found wearing T-shrits, Jeans etc while ladies were found wearing Maixs. Most of them have learnt to speak hindi language.

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The interaction with the Jarawa tribal women revealed that they are lured by the poachers by providing them Maxi, consamatics including rice, oil etc. In order to eliminate exploitation of the Jarawa women at the hands of the poachers, it is absolutely necessary to introduce exchange system to be executed at hot spot, Jhaoknona under which the Jarawas will manufacture their traditional artifacts like basket, honey carrier and bring for exchange with rice, dal, turmeric powder and salt. Their artifacts will be sold through the Cottage Industries Emporium at Port Blair. In fact, the arrangement already exists for sale of PTGs artifacts with the Cottage Industries Emporium, Port Blair. The sale proceeds will be credited to their joint account. Similarly arrangement regarding sale of crabs hunted by the Jarawas and brought for exchange will be made in coordination with the Fisheries Department. In fact, crabs are abundantly available in certain area in the Jarawa reserve. In this regard a detailed report on interaction with the Jarawas by the official team headed by the Director (TW) is placed opposite at PP- 280-283/C for reference.

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In the meanwhile, a gift pack comprising the following items, separately for each Jarawa girl and boy is being arranged to be provided to them to begin with as per approval accorded by Chief Secretary vide para 226/N (a xerox copy of the relevant note is placed at P.284/C).