

## REPORT

Shri. Anand Amrit Raj, Member Zilla Parishad, South Andaman forwarded a complaint of Shri. Mahesh Mazumdar, resident of Temple Myo, South Andaman stating that about 20 odd Jarawas were unauthorisedly shifted in the Tirur area. It is alleged that for so called shifting was done thorough the dinghy being used by AAJVS staff for shifting the Jarawas from one place to another.

In this connection, the Tribal Welfare Officer of the area (Tirur), Dr. Bisweswar Das was directed to contact the complainant and the persons accompanied by him during the course of incident on 23/09/2012. On the other hand the contractor against whom the charges have been levelled by the complainant was called in the Office of the AAJVS for his statement.

The statement of the complainant was taken by Dr. Bisweswar Das. As per the statement recorded, the complainant stated that on 23/09/2012, he was accompanied by Shri. Rajesh Dass, Ashit Mondal, Birban Mondal, Paritosh Baroi and Surrender Biswas went for fishing in a dinghy owned by Shri. Rakesh Saha in the sea. About 3:30, they saw a new dinghy near Badabalu (main area of Jarawas). There were about 20 Jarawas on board along with three persons whom they could not recognize. Jarawas on board were shouting to the complainant to stop but the complainant did not stop and reached Collinpur. On reaching Collinpur, the complainant narrated the whole story to the dinghy owner Shri. Rakesh Saha.

The complainant also intimated in his statement that he can recognize the dinghy which was used for carrying 20 Jarawas on 23/09/2012. It was also alleged by the complainant that they have seen the dinghy being used by AAJVS on hiring basis, shifting the Jarawas in night without the intimation / knowledge of AAJVS staff.

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