To,

The Executive Secretary AAJVS Port Blair

Sub: reply to memorandum-reg. Sir.



With reference to AAJVS office memorandum No: 407 dated 9th October 2012 regarding a complaint raised by Shri. Mahesh Mazumdar, R/o Temple Myo, self inquired the matter with the Jarawas habiting Jhaukona, Badabalu and Bamboo Nallah with assistance of our Janjati Sevaks to inquire into the facts. The Jarawas informed that they never used to board any other dinghy except the dinghy belonging to our authorized contractor. The Jarawa further informed that the on the day of incident (as reported by the complainant), they saw that two Dinghies proceeding towards north. One of the dinghies returned back late evening but they does not have any knowledge about the other dinghy.

Thereafter, self inquired the matter with the villagers and settlers of Collipur, Herbertabad and Tirur. They informed that the complaint is baseless and arose only due to the personal ego between the existing tenderer of AAJVS and the tenderer of last year who could not get the tender this year. The villagers add that there were frequent verbal exchanges between both of them on many occasions which had actually lead to creation of such a situation i.e.. this complaint.

Based on the information given by the Jarawas vis-à-vis the settlers, it is felt by me that the complaint may be baseless and arose only due to long standing personal problems and issues between the existing tenderer and the previous year's tender. The ploy seems to be any how cancel the existing tender. There are many personal and social issues apart from the issue of dinghy between both the parties. The matter was also discussed with In-Charge, Police Out Post, Tirur, who has a similar view that the complaint may be baseless and arose purely on the friction between the two.

Thanking you,

Date: 11/10/2012

Yours faithfully

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