

Undersigned has made a suggestion that if the barter system which is being done with fishermen if be done with Govt. and in exchange if Govt. gives food, are they wish to carry the barter system with Govt.

All Jarawas told that they need food and they know that what they are doing due to hunger is wrong but if Govt. gives food then they will surely do the things instructed by the Govt.

On the question of place where Barter system exists, the Jarawas have told that Fishermen sometimes meet them at Hiren Tekri or Bada Balu. Moreover, Jarawas were asked about the School, they told that they send children to School because in School their children get two bananas and biscuit packet.

The reason which leads Jarawas to step out of the jungle is hunger and starvation and the reason is prevalent everywhere. The Jarawas have made it very clear that if they would be given food for their survival, they will never come out of the jungle. It is their search for food and hunger leading them to the Civilian area.

All efforts are being made by the concerned Agencies to safeguard the culture of jarawa tribes by not allowing the intrusion inside forest as well as keeping the Jarwas out of Civilian area but the basic need of Jarawas with regard to food items is not being fulfilled and they are left inside the jungle for survival with the available forest produce and the concerned agency has least bothered to highlight and resolve this basic issue. Since Jarawas family doesn't get sufficient food as such their struggle for survival forcing them either to carry barter system or come to civilian area for food. The suffering which Jarawas are facing should have been brought to the fore by the concerned agency and it should have been resolved by the time but nevertheless this basic issue needs to be resolved on high footing.

SUGGESTIONS

1. It is the high time that concerned agencies must take decisions to provide Jarawas with regular ration articles inside the Forest. Once their hunger is satisfied they would not come out of the forest. If the present situation prevails then forecasting of cases of serious nature by Jarawas could not be ruled out.
2. Jarawas should be provided with saplings/seeds to cultivate inside forest. Proper training should be imparted and supervision over the cultivation may be kept by the concerned agency.