

it clear that they are solely dependent on hunting and forest produce for their livelihood. Sometimes they get food and sometime don't as a result their family suffer a lot. It is their hunger and starvation that forces them to come to the Civilian area in search of food items.

Further Jarawas were asked whether they get any food items from Government, all the Jarawas spoke in unison that they don't get anything from Govt. at Forest but they do get food items whenever they are admitted to the Hospital. Further Shri Voidom has told that they have family members and for the reason that sufficient food is not available they are forced to carry barter system. They give one sack of crab to the Fishermen who in return provide them with their basic needs such as rice, masala, oil, biscuits etc. On the question of place where these Fishermen meet them, the Jarawas have told that they sometimes meet them at Hiren Tekri or Bada Balu and they could recognize the Fishermen. Moreover, Jarawas were asked about the School, they told that they send children to School because in School their children get one banana and biscuit packet.

Though the undersigned was expecting to get some other reason for their intrusion in Civilian area but to the utter surprise it has come to the fore that they are struggling even for the basic food items.

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.

The pivotal point of the meeting is the hunger/starvation of Jarawas which causes and creating such a situation. Miss M. Janagi Sauriyammal, Tribal Welfare Officer, AAJVS Tirur on being asked whether AAJVS is looking into the basic needs/issue of Jarawas has informed that AAJVS is planning to distribute/provide food items to Jarawas inside the Jungle itself but the plan has not been materialized and the file is under process for approval.

*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 Jarawas out of Civilian area but the ground reality speaks differently. 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. Since Jarawas*