

Note Sheet

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The Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District vide his letter dated 1st March 2018 addressed to the Secretary (TW) has intimated that a news article under the caption "Team of Jarawa men and women snatch purse from Tourists; RS.6,000/- and Gold Nose ring still missing" published on 9th February 2018 in the Andaman Sheekha. The letter adds that the matter was not reported at the Police Station, Bambooflat or JPP Jirkatang. But on 12/02/2018 a copy of the letter of Tribal Welfare Officer Jirkatang addressed to the Executive Secretary AAJVS was received at the Police Station Bambooflat mentioning there in that on 3/2/2018 a bag containing Rs,. 2,000/-, and gold nose ring from a tourist vehicle was taken by Jarawas in between 22 Km from Jirkatang. The Tribal Welfare Officer has mentioned that the articles i.e cash RS.1568/- and gold nose ring was recovered from the Jarawas by the AAJVS staff on 11/2/2018 and same was handed over to the owner.

The Superintendent of Police has requested that the Tribal Welfare Officer and AAJVS staff may kindly be sensitized to inform such incident to Police promptly for taking necessary action. Further, Jarawas may also be instructed through the field staff of AAJVS not to indulge in such activity. They may also be directed to remain present at such points randomly where Jarawas gather and reportedly indulge in stopping vehicles.

The Secretary (TW) observed that this is a serious issue. Please identify the Jarawas and educate them. Executive Secretary to also take action on the suggestions made by the Police.

Submitted that the Shri. Prabhat Roshan lakra, Janjati Sevak AAJVS posted at Middle Strait intimated the Tribal Welfare Officer Jirkatang over phone that Jarawa took a bag containing Rs.2,000/- and a nose ring from a tourist vehicle in between 22 Kilometers and Jirkatang. One the same day at 3:30 pm, AAJVS staff reached the spot where the incident occurred but could not trace any Jarawa. On 4th February 2018 two AAJVS staff were sent to recover the missing items. They recovered some items like key, s]Xerox copy of Aadhar card and medicines and was handed over to the driver of vehicle on the same day.

On 5th February 2018, AAJVS staff again went for the search operation and found that all the Jarawas had gone deep inside the jungle. ON 11 Feb 2018, the AAJVS staff once again went for searching the items and found a brown colour bag with RS,.1568/- , a nose ring and a black colour purse. The staff handed over the items at AAJVS at 11:30 am.

One 12 February 2018, the Tribal Welfare Officer intimated the matter to In-Charge, Jarawa Protection Post Jirkatang and requested that the owner may be contacted for collection of the materials.