

*Minutes of the meeting of Task Force Committee held in the chamber of Secretary (TW) on 01.11.2000 at 3.00 P.M.*

The following officers attended the meeting.

1. Dr. Sarat Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner (Andamans).
2. Shri Sanjay Singh, Superintendent of Police (District).
3. Shri Rajiv Kale, Director of Education.
4. Shri Amar Nath Talwade, Director (TW).
5. Shri Kanchan Mukhopadhyaya, Anthropological Survey of India.
6. Shri Nautyal, ACF, Forest Department.
7. Shri Som Naidu, Executive Secretary, AAJVS.

Secretary (TW) chaired the meeting.

Secretary (TW) reviewed the Jarawa situation and inquired about the latest position of Jarawa movements at Andaman Trunk Road and other developments. The Director (TW) informed that he has visited the Jarawa area on 28.10.2000 and noticed the Jarawas on ATR camping at three places on the day of his visit. The staff of AAJVS and Police Department is camping near the temporary Jarawa habitats. The Executive Secretary, AAJVS also visited the area and Jarawas were seen on the ATR at three locations. The activities of the Jarawas is controlled, compared to the incidents which occurred earlier when the Jarawas of Tirur area came to ATR during the second week of October'2000. Presently Jarawas were vacated from two temporary camps, from Poonanallah and from B.D Nallah. However, the Jarawas of R. K. Nallah continue to stay there but their activities have been contained. Some Jarawas were shifted to western coast and the remaining are being persuaded to go to the western coast. Secretary (TW) directed to continue the patrolling by the representatives of AAJVS, Anthropological Survey of India and Police Deptts.

Police Department has procured two Mini trucks for patrolling from Jirkatang to Middle Strait. Director (TW) informed that the staff of AAJVS also requires source vehicular support to shift the Jarawas to their habitat and for taking the Jarawas for treatment etc. Secretary (TW) directed to work out the feasibility with SP (District) regarding the deployment of vehicle at Jirkatang No. II and Middle Strait for giving effective patrolling.