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COMMENTS OF S.A.AWARADI, DIRECTOR ,TRIBAL WELFARE
AND MEMBERS OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE ON THE
INTEGRATED REPORT PREPARED ON THE BASIS OF FIRST
PHASE OF SURVEY AMONG THE JARAWAS.

I have gone through the integrated report prepared by Anthropological Survey of India on the basis of the first phase of survey among the Jarawas. Following are the some quick comments on the report. These comments are drawn up in pursuance of the decision of the Expert Committee on the Jarawas, which met at Raj Nivas on 5.4.2002.

Dress pattern among the Jarawas:

1. The integrated report at page 3 mentions that it is *felt* that the knowledge of the use of the cloth has been passed from Middle Andaman Jarawas to many Jarawas of Northern part of South Andaman Island. The word *felt* may require substitute word on the basis of the empirical observations by the Researchers.

Food:

2. It has been mentioned in the report at page 4 that all the members of the house hold assemble together in the *morning* to share their morning food. It may be desirable to qualify the word *morning* by using the hours of the day.
3. At page 4, it has been mentioned that after meals *some* adult person go for gathering shells, honey and fruit etc. Here also it would be desirable to qualify the word *some* with statistics or the descriptive qualifications of the persons who would be going for gathering after the meals.
4. Again at page 4 the report contains that non-traditional food items found place in their menu though not *a very significant one*. In this context also quantitative observation in terms of statistics would be desirable.
5. It has been mentioned at page 4 of the integrated report that after 1977 many more items of the food have found their way into the Jarawa food habbit though none of the items have yet become a part of their staple diet. It would be significantly relevant to observe and record the place / location of consumption of these items / non traditional items by the Jarawas. Without location specific description it would not be able to give clear picture on the change of the behaviour of the Jarawas .