

forest floor is cleared of foliage to allow the seeds to fall on the earth and regenerate. The Forest Corporation does clear felling on an indiscriminate basis. The mother trees are also being destroyed. The clearing of foliage is not being done. If at all the clearing of forest is done for regeneration then roughly about 70% of the trees would be standing on a particular spot and only 30% at the maximum would be cut. Photocopies show all the trees being cut.

42. Even such regeneration policies have failed as it has been shown that the cutting of forest have irreversible adverse effects even if done for so called regeneration and therefore the correct approach would be, particularly in ecologically fragile areas, to prohibit completely the cutting of the trees.

43. In his preface to the book "The Jarwa" K.S. Singh, the Director General, Anthropological Survey of India wrote that the "Andamans are facing the threat of extinction." the communities must be encouraged to develop a willingness for survival" which they have been losing over the years. This can be done only by showing a genuine respect for their culture."

44. Jayanti Sarkar, an editor of the above book points out that in 1980 a high level committee was constituted as desired by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to study the effect of the construction of Andaman Trunk Road which would pass through the Jarwa reserve. The Committee suggested that

- " i) though the absence of any road would be the ideal condition for the Jarawa, the next alternative would
- ii) to realign the road so as to orient it as far away from the boundary for the Reserve as possible."

45. The Committee also suggested that there could be stringent enforcement of the Jarawa reserve, that it was not desirable to have a permanent labour camp near the