

In midst of the way on an edge of mangrove a Jarawa boy was standing and at the moment at about 10 metres away from there a fishing dinghy was anchored. The same scenario I observed at mouth of the creek near washed out Old JPP4. At this JPP 4 site few Jarawa girls were camped. These girls are in regular communication often with the local fishermen. We cannot take action against them and the reasons are clear that 1) They don't get down from their dinghy but prompt/coerce the Jarawas in the manner that the tribes themselves come to them and secondly 2) They camp along the edges of the reserve (sometimes within 100 mtrs distance from the Jarawa Hotspot).

On 31st Oct 2013 self along with the Dy Director (Tribal Health) and medical staffs reached old JPP4 location and Jhaokona to extend medical services, we found few fishermen were camped within 100 mtrs distance from the Jarawa huts. The Jarawas were waving their hands to them and these fishermen could have gone little distance ahead; but adamantly pitched at the same spot to enjoy the scene or disturb the Jarawas or shall we say mutely inviting the Jarawas(?). This has now become scenario of any day.

Before tsunami there was a JPP4 now shifted to a hill lock at Collinpur about half Km away from the mouth of the creek (the sensitive point). The police staffs from JPP4 do not come for vigil timely and regularly. They should maintain a register to record the movement of the fishermen going out to sea; because just ahead they have Jarawa Reserve. The creek way at mouth is narrow and the fishermen will have only 5 minutes to divert and reach the spot where the JPP4 staffs now irregularly deployed. They have no disturbance with 5 minutes to spare only if diverted for police entry.

This was informed to and discussed with Director (Tribal Welfare) and Executive Secretary, AAJVS during their field visit on 31st Oct 2013.

Self with my folded hands request to the authority to kindly look into the facts seriously and the ongoing grave mistake of having no strict regulation for the fishermen around the Jarawa Reserve in Tirur be discontinued please.

Thanking You

Yours FAITHFULLY

Encl : a sketch of situation

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1. The Director (Tribal Welfare) Port Blair for favour of information and necessary action please.

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