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villages by Jarawas have increased. Most of the time, they have entered villages/houses in search of food or utensils. Jarawas have often posed violent gestures with dah, bows and arrows to scare and intimidate people and the police. Even in these circumstances, Police has exercised restraint in use of any force and is facing a lot of criticism and pressure from general public. Additional staff was also deployed in the recent past from Police lines, Port Blair in Jarawas affected areas to protect public from Jarawas related incidents.

Besides, staff from Police station / OP/ JPPs is also used to patrol in all these areas tang and PS Kadamtala comprising of about 2 SI, 1 ASI, 10 HCs and 46 PCs are also especially Mathura, Beachdera and Ferrar Gunj. The staff of OP Tirur, OP Jirkatang, OP engaged in Jarawa related duties. OP Jirkatang and JPP Middle Strait are regulating traffic convoys under police escort through reserve area.

These convoys under police escort on the ATR Route prevent any unauthorised person from contacting Jarawas and distributing food, clothing and gift items to them. These OPs are also conducting regular patrolling in addition to picket duties at Jarawa camps in order to keep the aboriginal tribes within the reserve area and to collect and communicate information regarding the presence and movements of the aboriginal tribes. Four vehicles alongwith the communication system have also been provided for conducting patrolling and other jarawa related duties.

Besides, 3 trucks fitted with wireless sets at PS Bamboo Flat, PS Dundus Point, OP Tushnabad are also used for Jarawa duty as and when required. 6 hand held wireless sets are available at OP Jirkatang, which are being used in convoy duties i.e. front and rear of vehicles.

The strategic location of the Jarawa Protection Posts as well as additional mobilization of police manpower during times of need coupled with increased mobility and communication by means of wireless, and a convoy system of all vehicles from Jirkatang to Middle Strait are steps which are being taken by the A & N Police to stop poaching and intrusion in the Jarawa territory.