

2. The Deputy Commissioner, Andamans has informed in the meeting that the arm licences of the settlers who inhabit the areas near to the Jarawa reserve have already been cancelled.

3. The Welfare measures for the Jarawas were discussed at length in the meeting.

4. The main issues regarding the tribal welfare centred around the following points :-

- a) Buffer Zone
- b) Poaching in the Jarawa area
- c) Jarawa attack of the settlers and others.
- d) Dispersal of seeds in the Jarawa area.
- e) The contact expeditions to Jarawas and Sentinelese.

5. The Jarawa reserve area has already been notified by the Administration. It was discussed that the Andaman Trunk Road could be treated as boundary line of the Jarawa reserve. With the opening of Andaman Trunk Road for the traffic it was felt in the meeting that the unauthorised establishments like shops etc. may come up along the road. Therefore, it was decided that no such encroachments should be permitted along the Andaman Trunk Road and in the Jarawa reserve area.

6. The Inspector General of Police informed that the Bush Police is taking all necessary actions to prevent the poaching in the Jarawa area. The Inspector General of Police further informed that the Jarawas attack the settlers mainly to take away the fruits like banana and utensils. The Superintending Engineer, APWD informed that the Jarawas come down to settlement areas during dry season in search of drinking water.

7. The proposal of aerial broadcasting of seeds was discussed on the initiation by the Secretary(Agriculture). It was felt that the proposal may be taken up. However, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and the Deputy Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair expressed their reservation about the success of the proposal.

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