

Report on the contact of Jarawas on 6.3.85.

To contact Jarawg on the morning of 6th March, 1985 myself wlong With 6 Anthropologist left Port Blair on 5th March 1985 at 10.00 hrs. By m.v. Gomati. The party left Kadamtala at 05.39 hours on 6th March. After about one hour journey the party saw the smoke on the shore, in the West coast. The boat was taken towards the place where from the smoke was coming. The party landed on the shore along with the gift articles and distributed to the jarawas. About 20 jarawas includeing male, female and children came on the boat. They were given a joy ride. After enjoying the ride they got down on the dinghi and went to the shore. Only 4 jarawas did not get down from the boat and they pointed out to go further. On our return journey with the 4 jarawas a boat was seen. We took the Gomati towards the motor boat. As this boat was bery nearer to the shore we shouted them to come along side our boat. The motog boat came near to our boat and kept the distance of about 15 yards. The name of the boat is M.L. Shanker and it belongs to the Forest Department. Ranger by name M.B. Baby was on the boat along with one more gentleman. I asked Shri Baby as to why he has entered the protected area. In reply he has stated that ~~you~~ you may report to anyone.

The 4 jarawas were interested to come down to port Blair as they were pointing out towards the side. Only 35 jarawas could be contacted and the details are as under.

Male	16
Female	9
Children	10

The 4 jarawas could be dropped with great difficulties at Lukra Lungta.

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