

REPORT ON THE JARAWA CONTACT BY THE
CONTACT PARTY ON 14.7.1987.

The Contact Party consisting of Dr. Aditya Arya, S.P., Shri RK Bhatia, Dy. Director, Census, Dr. JK Sarkar and Shri Subbu Krishna of ASI, Dr. Prem Kishen, Medical Officer, Shri Bhaktawar Singh, Retd. Dy. S.P. and Shri VRU Menon, Executive Secretary, AAJVS, left by MV Tarmugli on 13.7.1987 at 10.20 a.m. on their contact mission of Jarawas. We reached Kadamtala at 4.30 p.m. Halted at Kadamtala.

On 14th at 5.00 a.m. we proceeded to Kakralungta where normally Jarawas gather awaiting the contact party. At first no Jarawas could be seen in this area. We then proceeded towards Foul Bay where we could find the Jarawas gathered on the shore. The sea was rough with high wind and waves and it was not possible to anchor the ship and also to reach the shore by dinghi. We then returned to Lakra Lungta showing the Jarawas the sign to follow us by walk to Lakra Lungta. By the time we reached Lakralungta they also reached this place. Here we had a safe anchorage. We reached shore by dinghi at about 6.30 a.m. and the Jarawas in large number were awaiting our arrival. There were 78 members of the tribe, the breakup of which are given below:-

Male - 42 (21 adult & 21 children)
Female - 36 (26 adult and 11 children)

They were very much excited when we reached the shore. All gifts like cooked rice, plantain, coconuts etc. and also some cloths for children which was collected by Executive Secretary were given. They were very happy.

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