

REPORT ON JARAWA CONTACT
IN JUNE 1986

The Jarawa Contact Party in its mission of contacting Jarawas at Middle Andaman proceeded to Kadamtala on 24.6.1986 by ferry boat Yamuna. The party consisted of Shri VRU Menon, Executive Secretary, AAJVS, Shri Janardhan Sukhla of Medical Department and Dr. Bairagi, Medical Officer, accompanied by a Bush Police team of one Sub-Inspector, one Head Constable and 11 Constables proceeded to Jarawa area at Lekhrlungta at 5.30 A.M. on 25th June by Yamuna. This time Shri Bhaktawar Singh, retired Dy.S.P. who is a member of the party could not participate in the contact mission as he was unwell due to dysentery. At Lakralungta we could locate 10 Jarawas including one lady. An effort was made to proceed further to locate more number in Foul Bay, Chotaling Bang etc. on the Western Coast, but due to heavy wind and unsafe anchorage in the open sea at Western Coast we could not proceed further. We, therefore, went on shore at Lakra Lungta and met 10 Jarawas. Coconuts, cooked rice, red cloth, iron rods etc. were given to them. We spent about an hour with them in the island and on their insistance we took them for a joy ride in the motor dinghi. Later they were taken on board yamuna. They seemed to be very pleasant and cheerful. Three of the ten, we found, were quite new faces and we could find that they were from South Andaman as explained by them by gesture. One new thing we noticed was that they showed more interest in chattering with us than running here and there and creating nuisance as was being done earlier. This is the first time we could collect the names of these ten gathered. They showed great interest to help us in correct

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