

## Note Sheet

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8 This is a letter from M/s Mantena Vaishta Bridge JV, Hyderabad informing that they have been awarded to execute the bridge work between Middle Strait and Baratang islands. They have initiated tree felling activity at Baratang area and are expecting completion on or before 18 February 2019.

9 In Middle Strait area, they have an area of 520 meters within which they are expected to build the approach road and in this regards, they have to start the tree felling activity within their assigned alignment of 18 meters starting from ATR till the creek. They have already communicated their intent to start the activity within the mentioned timelines to the DFO Wimberlygunj and the Superintendent of Police. The Police Department is allocating 2-4 armed guards within next few days.

10 The firm has requested AAJVS to provide 1-2 resource persons from our end who would help in ensuring smooth daily operations between the timeline of 6 am to 3 pm in all 7 days a week. They would have 25 to 30 labours allocated for a period of 30 to 45 days who would be working along with the site engineers and surveyors in felling the tree. The company representative met Executive Secretary AAJVS yesterday and requested to provide atleast one staff from AAJVS to avoid any kind of interaction with Jarawas and their workers or vice-versa.

11 In this context, it is pertinent to mention that the Jarawa do visit Middle Strait area quite frequently for fishing and honey collection. They make their transit camp half to one kilometre from the jetty hence the chances of them visiting Middle Strait area on a regular basis is quite high. However, for the watch and ward duty, we have already deployed one Janjati Sevak at Middle Strait. Subject to movement of the Jarawas for honey collection we may direct the Tribal Welfare Officer to deploy sufficient staff to avoid any kind of interaction of the Jarawas and workers of the company. Similarly, we may write to the company to sensitize their workers not to indulge in any kind of contact / barter etc with the Jarawas during the working hours or otherwise.

12 Draft letter to the company and memorandum to the Tribal Welfare Officer added for approval.

Executive Secretary

Administrative Officer

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