

- c) The Chief Secretary inquired about whether the tribes are interested in raising coconut and bananas in the area so that they can collect the items themselves in future. The tribes informed that they are interested for raising the saplings. The possibility of providing sapling to Jarawas may be examined by Secretary (TW).
- d) The Chief Secretary asked this group about whether they would like to live in Port Blair, to gauge about how much exposure they had to modern life. The tribals indicated that whereas they had no inclination towards modern life, yet they would appreciate if the Jarawa ward is located at Baratang, to save them a trip to Port Blair. Besides, a vehicle was also demanded, to function as an ambulance whenever a patient had to be shifted to the PHC at Baratang.
- e) The team observed that this group of Jarawa has more exposure to outside life due to proximity and intervention on ATR. Many members of this group could speak and understand Hindi and were wearing modern clothes.

III. Visit to Tirur Area

Chief Secretary visited the Tirur area on 2nd November 2009 and interacted with the tribes at Jhau Kona where he met approximately 40-50 Jarawas. The team observed that: -

- a) The tribals visit the non-tribal areas in Tirur village regularly and interact with the non-tribals and also barter their product in exchange for rice, sugar and other items.
- b) There is no contact point from where the AAJVS staff can interact with the tribes to persuade the tribes from non-interaction with the non-tribals. Though there is a Police Outpost constructed at Collinpur village near sea-shore area but this location is a little away from the Jarawa route, as such there is no effective control either by the Police or AAJVS staff in containing the Jarawa movements.
- c) Therefore, the team suggested to construct a hut near the Jarawa outpost at Collinpur where the AAJVS staff can be available during the day time to contain the movements and for providing any assistance that is required by the Jarawas. The location may be identified by the AAJVS staff.
- d) The AAJVS staff informed that since the tribals are camping at Jhau Kona and at Tirur, AAJVS staff need an engine dinghy to cross over the creeks to control the movements. The Chief Secretary directed to provide a boat either by hiring or making alternative arrangements.
- e) It was clear that this group has had extensive contact with the settlers, as they were clothed and well versed in Hindi. Their behaviour also appeared more aggressive and familiar compared to the other two groups. Their appearance did not look as healthy and vigorous as the other two groups.
- f) Jarawas informed that they have placed one or two children in the local school at Tirur but were scared to send children on regular basis. This matter needs to be examined further by the Secretary (TW).

SUGGESTED ACTION PLANS

The following Action Plan is suggested after visiting the Jarawa Tribal Areas: -

- 1) Joint patrolling by the Police, Forest and AAJVS staff to contain hunting and fishing by non-tribals in the Jarawa reserved area. Directions may be issued to all the concerned department to increase their patrolling.