

Few villagers informed that when the Jarawas came out in public in 1998, they were provided with cooked food, which has been stopped now. This has resulted in the Jarawas taking away their household items and crops. They added that the Jarawas take away the Engine Dinghy into deep sea and make false complaint on the fisherman. They requested that the hearsay of the Jarawas may not be believed and proper investigation may be done to find the truth.

After hearing all the grievances of the PRI members and the villagers, the Executive Secretary, AAJVS made the following observations:-

- The issue of buffer zone is subjudice at the Apex Court, the final verdict is awaited and Administration is bound to comply the verdict.
- As far as stand of Administration on the Jarawas is concerned, the notified Jarawa Policy is being implemented. A proposal has been submitted for amendment of the Jarawa Policy considering the present scenario.
- Villagers are requested not to indulge in any kind of barter with the Jarawas and not to give them eatables and not to enter into the reserve area.
- AAJVS is all set for total reconstitution and re-organization. Experts are to be inducted in AAJVS, which would improve the functioning of AAJVS.
- The employees posted in Jarawa reserve area will be transferred to other places. PRI members were requested not to recommend for stopping any ones transfer.
- Frequent meetings with PRI members may be organized to interact with each other and get the status on ground reality.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Shri. Anand Amritraj, Member, Zillaparishad, Tushnabad.


Executive Secretary
AAJVS