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**Executive Secretary,
AAJVS,
Port Blair.**

Sir,

An enquiry into the matter was conducted by ASI Kartikeyan, I/C JPP, Jirkatang-II. During enquiry, it was revealed that the Jarawas chew wild arecanut and some times pan but it is not possible to say where from the Jarawas have started getting pan, arecanut and tobacco products. On enquiry from the shopkeepers and staff of JPP, Jirkatang, it was revealed that the Jarawas are not visiting pan shops near the check post Jirkatang-II or Mile Tilak. It is stated that a convoy from JPP, Jirkatang to JPP Middle Strait consists of at least 30-50 vehicles covering a length of about 3-4 km with 2 guards, one at the front and another at the rear and it is quite possible that the vehicles in the convoy may get an opportunity to interact with the Jarawas, though all efforts are being made to keep them away from the tourists.

On 13/10/2010 the driver of the vehicle bearing registration No. AN01D-5136 mentioned in the news item informed that Jarawas took some product from the truck. On asking the details of the product taken away by the Jarawas, he replied that he will check the stock after reaching Port Blair, but till date he did not reply as to what kind of products were taken away by the Jarawas from the vehicle. On the same day I/C JPP Jirkatang with cooperation of AAJVS staff reached Potatang area and asked for above mentioned products from the Jarawas. On this the Jarawas gave a red colour empty bag of Bagban Zardha and a plastic box containing 40 Ball Pens. I/C JPP, Jirkatang suggests that the strength of AAJVS staff should be increased to stop this type of interaction.

SHO Bambooflat has also personally visited Jirkatang and met with the shop owners S/Shri. Rajenderan, Vijay, Muthu Karupan all operating shops near JPP, Jirkatang. It has been found that they have encroached upon the forest land and have filed a suit in the Court, hence it is difficult to remove these shops till the disposal of the civil proceedings.

It is requested that necessary steps may kindly be taken to increase the AAJVS staff and also for the removal of the shops to restrict the interaction of Jarawas with them on the ATR.

Yours faithfully,

Superintendent of Police
South Andaman