



The habitat of tribes in Andaman and Nicobar is very rich in Bio-diversity and the natural resources. The tribes are totally dependant on these resources for their basic hood needs. After colonization various developmental measures were undertaken and the migrant communities were settled adjacent to the tribe settlement. Besides, the opening of Andaman Trank Road in 1989 has created further problems for the Jarawas. As they are very sensitive population, any interference may create severe problem on their population and ultimately on their society. Illegal interaction with the tribes continues violating the instruction of the Administration and Tribal Welfare Dept. Do's and Don'ts in Jarawas Area along the ATR by the Judiciary and the Government people are still being violated and exploitation of the tribal reserve areas, mingling with the tribes and spoiling the biodiversity and the life and culture of the tribes, particularly that of the Jarawas continues. The Jarawas like other tribes who completely depend on nature and have a great regard on the forest including all the resources like the plants, fruits, animals and the nature and environment. They regard those and appease them for the wellbeing of their community. Therefore any interference or exploitation are not accepted by them and results in conflict. We are more advanced society while the tribes like the Jarawas are simple people and live on their simple technology. Many times we come across to information that the jarawas have done such and such misdeeds. But my question is why they are doing so? Are we also responsible for this?

This is a real reflection of the present scenario that some tribes especially some of the Jarawas are coming out of the forest and mixing with different population groups and accept many items from the settlers, which may cause them health hazards.