

A Jarawa youth, named Enme, of Middle Andaman Island was picked up from a place near Kadamtala village in the Middle Andaman Island during 1996. Apparently, he had come with other Jarawas to take away the items from settlement areas in the night. Since he suffered a fracture in his leg in course of his movement, he could not run away into their reserve area alongwith the rest of his tribesmen.

The local villagers saw Shri Enme lying near a Creek and they informed the Govt. officials. Further Enme was picked up and was admitted in the hospital in Port Blair. He was given medical treatment for about six months. During his hospitalisation, the Shri Enme could see the life and style of the people living in the Port Blair town.

After medical treatment, Enme was released back into his area with the gifts. He has been living with other Jarawas like in the past. Apparently, he has explained to his fellow tribesmen about his treatment, help, etc., that he got at Port Blair during his hospitalisation.

Recently, during the month of October, 1997 Shri Enme alongwith few other Jarawas came to settlement area of Middle Andaman during the day time. They swam across the sea and creeks for more than three-four hours to reach the settlement area. The non-tribal people gathered around the Jarawas out of curiosity.

The local officials of the Administration reported that Jarawas pointed towards their stomach. It was inferred that they were hungry. Accordingly, they were given the items like banana, etc, and were taken back to their areas by country boat.

It is but natural that Jarawas after swimming for three-four hours to reach the settlement area felt the urge for food. They were hungry, no doubt, at that point of time. This does not mean that the Jarawas as a Tribe is under starvation. The observations made by the Experts like doctors during the Contact Expeditions indicate that they are not suffering from malnutrition.

For example, the Medical Specialist of GB Pant hospital, Port