

अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
जनजाति कल्याण निदेशालय
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair dated the 27th March, 2014

To

The Research Officer &
Head of Office,
National Commission for Scheduled Tribes,
N/1-297, IRC Village,
Bhubaneswar - 751015

**Sub:- Press Clipping from the Telegraph dated 21.1.2014
captioned "Jarawa Kidnap raises abuse fear" - regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. AN-01/50/2013-14-Gen. dated 22.1.2014 on the above subject and to inform that a joint patrolling team consisting of officials from Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti, Police and Forest Department conducted surveillance in the Jarawa Tribal Reserve (West coast, South Andaman). On 16.1.2014 and 17.1.2014, the team members apprehended the intruders and seized their country boat alongwith other materials.

A complaint was lodged at Police Station, Kadamtala, Middle Andaman and Police Station, Ograbranj at South Andaman by Dr Pronob Kumar Sircar, Tribal Welfare Officer, Tirrur area. FIR was lodge vide No. 2/14 dated 18.1.2014, u/s 365 of IPC and under sub-section (2) (5) and (6) Section 7 and 8 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation Act, 1956 and read with section sub section (1) (XII) of Section 3 under Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The accused were arrested and remanded to judicial custody by the Competent Court and the investigation is being carried out by Police. The charge sheet will be filed shortly.

The Jarawa Tribes are being persuaded not to enter into settlement villages and to interact with the non-tribals. The joint patrolling has been intensified to ensure that the non-tribals do not enter into the reserve area.

Yours faithfully

Anurag K. Bhatia

Assistant Commissioner (TW)

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