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- (iii) From the conversations, it has emerged that a major obstacle in quick and prompt action to be taken for nabbing of settlers/ poachers from the Jarawa area is contingent on having a easy access dingi. It is imperative that a dingi is made available to AAJVS as per previous budgetary discussion. For the time being, upon letter requesting the authorities of Forest Department, they have promised that a standby working dingi alongwith the dingi operator would be made available as per when and where required from Tirrur itself.
- (iv) It has been agreed upon that at the request of AAJVS officials at Tirrur, Police staff in the vicinity and Forest staff would act as a joint quick response team with rotation of staffs randomly through the day and night. This operation is expected to be operational from 11.11.2013.
- (v) Additional Forest staff required for the joint patrolling shall be made available by the DFO, Wimberlygunj and the Police official informed that they have enough strength posted at outpost to participate in the surveillance operation.
- 5. The team (from Port Blair) and AAJVS field staffs strongly feel that a small functional check post must be set up opposite to Jarawa Protection Post-IV (now abandon). This post creation would facilitate monitoring the frequent movements of villagers in and out of the Jarawa region, so far this movement often goes unnoticed and unreported.
- 6. There are socio-cultural issues internal to the Jarawa community at Tirrur that requires a way to create certain kind of sensitivity among the Jarawa themselves. This task needs attention by the "expert committee" in collaboration with AAJVS senior field workers. Steps taken and outline in relation to AAJVS staff and its reshuffling is to be seen as yet another positive effort made in the direction of making Tirrur, a relatively manageable area as far as the relation of Jarawa and villagers are concerned.
- 7. In the light of last few months incidents, reported and unreported, we feel that the dubious and exploitative relationship of dependence to a degree between the tribal and non-tribal in Tirrur must be broken and prompt culturally sensitive steps must be taken in consultation with AAJVS field staff and ANTRI.

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