

Port Blair, dated the November, 2013

NOTE ON ILLEGAL ENTRY OF NON-TRIBAL INTO JARAWA RESERVE AREA ON 3.11.2013 AT TIRRUR AREA

It was reported that one Shri Nitai, R/o Guptapara entered into Jarawa Reserve area near Tirur illegally on 3.11.2013 with the unauthorized items namely rice, vegetable oil, sugar etc to distribute it to the Jarawa tribes and made a night halt in the Jarawa Reserve area on 3.11.2013.

On the next day i.e. on 4.11.2013, Shri Nitai took 5 Jarawas namely Anijam (43 yrs), Illy (25 yrs) Anjale (27 years), Achehane (25 years) and Taje (22 years) in a country boat (dingi) to non tribal area namely Tarmugli island which is situated approximately 20 nautical mile to western side from the Tirrur Jarawa Reserve Area, for the reason not known.

In a routine visit-cum-patrolling by the AAJVS & Police team on 5.11.2013 evening at 3:00 PM, few Jarawas namely Annamallai & Gillad camped at old JPP 4 (washed out in Tsunami) informed them one Dingi man pronounced as Nitai took 5 Jarawas in dingi to Bamboonallah area. Immediately, on receiving the information, the Tribal Welfare Officer of Aadim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) alongwith Janjati Sevak and Police Team went to Tarmugli Island in a Police boat from Wandoor Jetty. The team reaches Tarmugli Island at 5:00 pm and made an intensive search upto 6:30 pm to locate the 5 Jarawas but in vain as it was late in the evening and the team returned back on 5.11.2013.

On the next day i.e. on 6.11.2013, the team again left for the Tarmugli Island with the Police Team. The team this time took a Jarawa boy namely Kunnu (26 yrs) with them for assistance so that with his presence, the Jarawas, who were left in the island by Nitai can be brought back. On reaching the island and with the help of Jarawa boy, the team located all 5 Jarawas who were taken to the island on 4.11.2013. These Jarawas were brought back by the team and taken to the AAJVS field office at Tirrur area for recording their statements and to know the reasons for their going to island. The motive behind the act could not be explained by the Jarawas but narrated the whole incidents, how Nitai reached Jarawa Reserve area and took them to Tarmugli Island. The team members recorded their statements and also video graphed.

Based on the deposition made by the Jarawas and on disclosing the name of the person who took them to the non tribal area, a complaint was lodged in the P.S, Ograbranj against Shri Nitai by the Tribal Welfare Officer. Accordingly the Police have filed a FIR against the accused under Section 7/8 of A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal