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Jarawas come out of forest, demand food

Unable to bear the brunt of food scarcity, a group of Jarawas has come out of forest at Kadamtala on 3rd October, 2013, and lodged their protest at the Gram Panchayat, Kadamtala. They came out in search of sufficient food and placed their demand before the Panchayat and general public of the area. It is learnt that the said group of Jarawas reportedly wanted to meet the Lt. Governor to enable them personally demand for more food items for them. Upon this, the

Pradhan of the area reported the matter to the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman District who in turn deputed the Assistant Commissioner, Rangat to the spot at Kadamtala. On hearing the news of Jarawas making demands for food, villagers of Kadamtala gathered in large number in front of the Panchayat office and supported the demand of the ancient tribes. The agitated and disgusted Jarawa group reportedly expressed their dissatisfaction over the man-

ner they are being treated by the Tribal Welfare Department who, the Jarawas alleged, do not supply them with sufficient food. It is high time, the Government of India should review the policy towards the aboriginal tribes in the islands and take all possible steps to treat this category of people at par with other islanders. They should also be provided with food, shelter, education, medical facilities, etc. for their overall development rather than confining them in the thick forests.

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