

- So far as the report published in the news paper is concern, it is the repercussion of the action taken by the Police on the basis of complains made by Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala. Poachers were apprehended and high handedness of Pradhan Gram Panchayat Kadamtala was unearthed.
- It is very difficult to keep vigil in the entire Jarawa areas as Jarawa keep on moving from place to place. Jarawa reserve area is porous
- The Jarawa reserve area is stretched about 200 km from Constance bay in South Andaman to Lewis in-let bay in North & Middle Andaman.
- AAJVS has posted two Tribal Welfare Officers and 15 Janjati Sevaks. Out of 15 Janjati Sevaks 11 are deployed between Tusnabad to Tirur, Jirkatang to Middle Strait and Uttara to Lewis inlet bay. 02 Janjati Sevaks are deployed at Jarawa ward Primary Health Centre Tusnabad and 02 at Jarawa ward Primary Health centre, Kadamtala for providing round the clock watch and ward.
- The Jarawas are developing the habit of consuming rice, oil, salt and masala and wearing clothes. The settlers persuade the Jarawas for their vested interest in crab, fish, red meat from them in exchange of the ration articles.
- Most of the Jarawa are in close contact with settlers and does not disclose these contacts to AAJVS as the settlers provide ration items to them.
- It has also been observed that during many Special Court Hearings arrange at Primary Health Centre, Tusnabad that the Jarawas change their statement in favour of the accused settlers who were booked under the PAT regulations for poaching activities.
- Most of the time the contact between Jarawas and settlers are executed in late night hours and poaching takes place at that time and it is difficult to venture in the jungle in night.
- The villagers/ settlers are less sensitive towards the Jarawas as they are also dependent on the forest for the livelihood.
- 47 cases against were registered till August 2013 under the PAT Regulations and SC / ST Prevention of Atrocities Act and 64 people were apprehended. Most of the cases were registered by AAJVS employees. List enclosed.

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