

Cheo and other Jarawas revealed that Raja is frequently coming in their habitat in coastal area for hunting of wild boar and catching of crabs etc. He usually engages Jarawas for hunting and transporting of hunted items up to Phooltal and Kadamtala. They also stated that earlier Cheo, Tahi and Obeya came at Kadamtala along with Raja and halted his house for one night. Raja given them alcohol and rice, oil and tobacco, zarda, lime (chuna) etc. Cheo also stated that one time Tenmai and Titaha had came alongwith Raja in his house at Kadamtala with five numbers of wild pigs.

2. Aape revealed that Shri Suresh Xaxa S/o Shri Banadick Xaxa R/o Kadamtala and Shri Surender alias Suren S/o Shri Lakpati R/o Broombally, Kadamtala frequently coming in their habitat at Hochabotha and Dhani Nallah (western coast) for hunting and halting for two/ three days in their camp. During his stay in Jarawa camp he drinks alcohol with Jarawas. He usually engages Jarawas for hunting and transporting of hunted items up to Phooltal and Kadamtala. Few days before Suresh brought Aape and Edeya in his house with two numbers of pigs. He has given rice beer (Handia) to them and next day they returned to their habitat with rice, oil, tobacco etc.

Aape also stated that Shri Swapan Biswas alias Toko S/o Shri Bhagirat Biswas R/o Broombally, Kadamtala frequently coming in their habitat at Hochabota (western coast) for hunting. He also provides food items like rice, oil, masala, salt and tobacco, zarda, lime (chuna) and clothes etc. to Jarawas. During his stay in Jarawa camp he drinks alcohol and giving the same to Jarawas. Instead of above-mentioned items he engages the Jarawas for hunting and transporting of hunted pigs up to Kadamtala.

Based upon the above stated facts we have asked the Tribal Welfare Officer to file a compliant with the local SHO, Kadamtala to take action against the person who reportedly entered unauthorized into the Jarawa Reserve area, and giving alcohol and tobacco which are proscribed substances for distribution to the Jarawas and to take action under Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Amendment, Regulation 2012. Copy of the complaint filed by Shri. Anup Mondal, TWO, Kadamtala is enclosed with this report.

After conducting the enquiry and filing the complaint through the Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala we return back to Port Blair. We could collect the copies of FIR from the Police Station, Kadamtala but Shri. Gafoor, SHO has informed over