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PUC is a Note dated 07.10.2013 received from Secretary to LG regarding "Jarawas come out of forest, demands food", and informed that the Hon'ble LG desired to submit a report in this regard.

It is submitted that on the direction of Hon'ble LG, a field enquiry was conducted by Dr Visvajit Pandya, Member, Research Advisory Board, ANTRI and Director (TW) and as per their report, whole episode was pre-planned by some of the local poachers of Kadamtala area with vested interest. Based on the depositions made by the Jarawas themselves, the Tribal Welfare Officer concerned has filed a FIR against (i) Maharaja Bala alias Raja S/o Late Hari Bala, resident of Kadamtala (ii) Suresh Xaxa S/o Banadick Xaxa, resident of Kadamtala (iii) Surender alias Suren S/o Lakpati resident of Broombally (iv) Swapan Biswas alias Tokoi S/o Bhagirat Biswas resident of Broombally who were visiting Jarawa habitat in the Jarawa Reserve Area for poaching and used to hunt the wild boar. The SHO, Kadamtala registered a criminal case bearing No. 31/3 dated 5.10.2013 under section 7/8 (2) (6) of the A&N (PAT) Regulation, 1956 against the above said accused and accordingly arrested them.

Further, explanation has also been called for, from the concerned Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala, for the above noted lapses.

Subject to approval, a draft report is attempted for kind approval please.

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