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This is the report on Jarawa incident, which took place on 1.3.02 in Manpur area in South Andaman Island. A group of Jarawas of South Andaman Island came to the Manpur village area and taken away certain belongings of the villagers. This time Jarawas have reportedly taken away box from one villager, which contained the valuable items like jewellery etc.

The villagers and the local police tried to get back the plundered items from the Jarawas. But the Jarawas escaped into jungle with their booty. After the incident, the Executive Secretary, AAJVS was sent for assessment of the situation. The villagers, the local politicians and PRI members blocked the road disturbing normal traffic near the Manpur bazaar. They wanted an assurance / action from the Administration to overcome problem due to such Jarawa incidents.

Area Tehsildar and Deputy Superintendent of Police of the Sub Division also reached the spot to talk to the villagers as it became a law and order problem. Villagers did not concede to clear the road blockage till late afternoon on 1.3.2002.

On hearing the situation from the field the Director (TW) rushed to the spot. There was large crowd in the Manpur bazaar area. The road was blocked and there were number of vehicles stranded on the road. The Director (TW) held discussed with the PRI members like Panchayat Pradhan, Zilla Parishad Members, Panchayat Samiti Members and other villagers.

Villagers stated that the problem due to the entry of the Jarawas to their villages and plundering the items from their houses and their fields has become a persistent problem for them. They suggested that the Administration should initiate action for a permanent solution to solve the Jarawa problem.

The villagers suggested with all earnest the following measures in this connection.

- (i) The Jarawas could be rehabilitated in a separate Island where all necessary facilities could be provided to them so that they live an independent life without affecting the villagers.
- (ii) Police should not bring the Jarawas from other areas on the ATR and drop them near Tushnabad etc. such drops by the Police make it easy for the Jarawas to enter into the Manpur, Tirur villages.