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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**  
**Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti**

Port Blair, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2001

To

Shri Abdul Khalil  
Khatoon's Public Grievances Cell  
Mayabunder.

Sub: -Complaint from Khatoon's Public Grievances Cell, North Andaman regarding Jarawas in Andaman & Nicobar Islands - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter addressed to the Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi regarding inhuman treatment to the primitive tribes and inform you that: -

As per the reports of the experts and health authorities the Jarawas should not be given exotic food items as these are harmful to the Jarawas as such food is not conducive to their health. Therefore the Administration has been preventing tourists and other visitors from giving such food items to the Jarawas. Further to ensure that the Jarawas get the required quantity of bananas, coconut etc. so far no case of starvation amongst the Jarawas has come to notice of the Administrator.

The Administration has constituted a mobile unit consisting of the staff of AAJVS, Police Personnel and official from health Department to patrol tribal reserved area to prevent poaching in the area. As a result of their continuous surveillance poaching in the Jarawa areas has been prevented to a great extent.

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