

Tour Note of Shri S. A. Awaradi, Director (TW) to Middle Andaman on 26.10.2002 to 27.10.2002 and 1.11.2002 to 2.11.2002.

1. The undersigned proceeded on tour to Jarawas area of South Andaman & Middle Andaman Island along with Social Worker, (H/Q) on 26.10.2002 to 27.10.2002 and again 1.11.2002 to 2.11.2002.
2. DOS & DONTs in connection with the Jarawa interface were to be issued to the concerned authorities for display in the buses, Tourist vehicles plying on ATR. It appears that the same has not been attended. Executive Secretary, AAJVS shall confirm action taken.

*Action by : Executive Secretary, AAJVS*

3. Met the Jarawas of Dhani Nallah areas that are presently camping adjacent to the ATR. They reminded me of the promise to supply the iron pieces required by them. The iron pieces particularly the spades, chisels, hammers and iron files have not been given to the Jarawas. The credibility of AAJVS is at stake in the eyes of Jarawas because of lack of prompt action. Executive Secretary, AAJVS should act promptly. He may reallocate works in AAJVS. All field related tasks including procurement of items may be assigned to Social Worker, (HQ). The above said items are useful for them out of which they will manufacture the arrows, digging instrument (hoe). Such supply will equip them with more of their traditional tools and increase their efficiency in hunting and gathering activities. Such items will not cause harm to Jarawas unlike supply of aluminum utensils.

*Action by : Executive Secretary, AAJVS, Social Worker (HQ)*

4. Jarawa men and male children started off from their camp for 3 to 4 days hunting expedition. Initially they requested for drop by our vehicle to reach a point on ATR from where they will enter into Forest for hunting. It was decided deliberately to not to provide them any lift in the vehicle. Further, we marched with the hunting party. It was nearly two hours walk on ATR. They were informed about the disadvantages of getting lifts in vehicles and they were apparently convinced about the issue.
5. Some of the Jarawas requested for footwear like the ones worn by us. Infact one of the boys had single *hawai chappal* while he was walking with the party. The disadvantages of giving the footwear was explained to them as it will be hindrance in their walk / run in the forest particularly in the rainy days.
6. Founding camps near the settlement and ATR is not safe on account of the fact, inter alia that the streams on which they depend for water supply get contaminated by the non-tribals. The close proximity / easy accessibility of Jarawas to non tribals is likely to result in exploitation in the nature of resources, sex, labour or may lead to smuggling of genetic material, folk wisdom and knowledge. In the past they never used to camp near the