

village to village visit to the settlers colony and the pleadings he made to the villagers to respect and respond to the legitimate claims of Jarawas and not to intrude into their territories. He explained the role of Bush Police in protecting the Jarawas and their territory. The construction of the road, he stated was not a barrier for the Jarawa tribe and they could move about freely on either side of the road. The proposed road was essentially in the larger interest of the economy of the Islands. The huge expenditure on transport subsidy could be reduced with the coming up of the road. The efforts of the Administration was to reduce the possible adverse impact of the construction of the road on the life and culture of the Jarawa tribe. In recent times, regular contacts were being made with the Jarawa tribe on a systematic basis, generally immediately after the full-moon. He felt that the slow and steady steps being taken by the Administration might improve matters and there need not be any apprehension that the interests of the Jarawa tribes might be adversely affected in any manner. The Administration was fully alive to the situation. Guidelines and instructions of the Prime Minister in relation to the construction of the road and implementation of the safeguards suggested by the Committee of Anthropologists would be fully implemented.

5. It was recalled that in brief, the main suggestions of the Committee of the Anthropologists on the safeguards on Jarawa Reserve Area consequent upon the resumption of 87-110 kms. Andaman Trunk Road were:-

- (a) A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 under which Reserve Areas are specified be made statutory. In demarcating the Reserve Areas, Land-Min Ratio for hunting and gathering groups be kept in view.
- (b) No permanent labour camps or habitations should be established in the area. Mobile labour parties be arranged.
- (c) Entry of the outsiders into the Island be regulated.
- (d) The Bush Police be oriented to their new role to protect the Jarawas from unauthorised infringement of their territory.
- (e) Exploitation of the forest in the area be banned.
- (f) Jarawa Reserve Area should be predominantly made known to outsiders by signboards, etc.
- (g) An administrative structure in the form of an autonomous Organisation be created.
- (h) Contacts with the group be intensified.

6. Reacting to the suggestion that A.S.I. should be made responsible for establishing contact with the Jarawa tribe and monitoring and implementation of the programmes for them, the

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