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Major Pandey reported that the Jarawas had come near his office and residence in recent months and pelted stones. Such hostile manifestations on the part of Jarawas usually occurred on full moon nights. According to Major Pandey, such attacks of Jarawas were usually the result of poaching by outsiders. He asserted that it was not the Jarawas who posed an obstacle to the construction of A.T. Road. But it was the poachers who goaded the Jarawas into hostility and therefore were the root cause of most of the confrontations and related problems. Poaching, Major Pandey asserted, could take place due to negligence, if not connivance of, Forest employees. The members of the Committee observed that the incident of stone pelting was perhaps the first of its kind reported.

Major Pandey stated that the protection given by the Bush Police was inadequate due to insufficient number of personnel.

From Jhirkatang the party was joined by Major Pandey of Project Yatrik. The party proceeded to 83.40 KM from where the earth cutting work along the new alignment of the road is in progress. Earth cutting work along the new alignment has been done from 83.40 KM to 98.00 KM of A.T. Road.

The party then went to C.D. Nullah where the members visited the camp<sup>meant</sup> for accommodating Project Yatrik employees.

The party returned to Port Blair (by the same route they had taken for going) at 4.00 P.M.

The following points were identified for being brought to the notice of the Watch Dog Committee for consideration in its next meeting:-

1. Anthropological Survey of India may be requested to study in-depth the newly reported behaviour pattern of the Jarawas who are reportedly throwing stones at the habitat of non-tribals (Project Yatrik personnel) who are not intruding into their reserve.