appropriate variety may be discussed in the next meeting of the council of the AAJVS.

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The Forest Department is concerned with the recommendation of the Committee as contained in para 15(e) wherein it has been suggested that the forestry activities in the areas adjoining the present Jarawa reserve in South and Middle Andaman islands should be banned. Here I would like to point out at the very outset that at present no forestry activity is going on inside the Jarawa Reserve nor in the neutral chishioning zone of 200 metres from the boundary of the Jarawa Reserve.

In the previous Working Plan, the entire forest area was taken into account for development, but the areas which are declared as Jarawa Reserve have not been touched for operation and development.

The apprehension of the Committee regarding possibility of intrusions inside the Jarawa Reserve area for illicit felling etc is not correct, in view of the fact that the forestry activities in these islands, particularly in the areas adjoining to the Jarawa Reserve

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