

its considered suggestions as to how to ensure the prevention of poaching and intrusion by cattle and isolation of the Jarawas Territory from the interference of non-tribals.

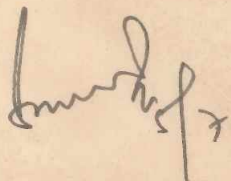
16. A number of contacts have been made every year with the Jarawas. It is not correct that only 4 or 5 contacts have been made with the Jarawas so far. The yearwise number of contacts made with the Jarawas are as follows:-

1974	-	10	
1975	-	5	
1976	-	8	
1977	-	4	
1978	-	-	
1979	-	5	
1980	-	5	
1981	-	-	No contacts could be made because the Samiti Boat 'Milale' remained out of order.
1982	-	3	(uptodate)

The policy is to maintain the minimum required contacts with them so that we may assist their preservation. Unnecessary interference in their way of life is avoided. An autonomous body called the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samity was organised in 1976. This body is organising the schemes for the welfare of the primitive tribes, which includes the Jarawas. The Deputy Director of Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair is also a member of the Executive Council of the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samity. All possible efforts are being made by AAJVS for establishing the minimum contact which is required to be kept with the Jarawas.

With regards,

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