

Minutes of the meeting held on 29/11/2012 at 1500 hrs. in the chamber of the Shri Sharad Agarwal, IPS, DIGP, Nodal officer, in-charge for monitoring all activities on day-to-day basis at the ATR passing through the Jarawa Tribal Reserved Area

The following officers were present in the meeting-

1. Shri MK Polit, Conservator of Forest (Territorial), Port Blair
2. Shri Mandeep Singh Randhawa, SP South Andaman
3. Shri Yesu Ratnam, Assistant Conservator of Forest (Territorial), Port Blair
4. Dr. A. Justin, Superintendent Anthropological Survey of India
5. Shri H K Gaur, Assistant Commissioner (TW) & Executive Secretary, AAJVS

No representative from the office of Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman and South Andaman was deputed for the aforesaid meeting.

After welcoming all the participants in the meeting, it was highlighted that this meeting has been called to discuss various issues concerning activities on ATR passing through the Jarawa Tribal reserve area.

Shri H K Gaur, Assistant Commissioner (TW) & Executive Secretary, AAJVS informed that ATR passes through the Jarawa Tribal reserve area from Jirkatang to Middle Strait, stretch of 50 Km(approx.). There are around 150 Jarawas residing along this stretch in groups at following locations:

1. Choudhry Gumai
2. Potatang
3. R.K. Nallah
4. Puna Nallah

He further informed that ATR at Kadamtala passes through Jarawa reserve area from camp No. 10 to camp No. 15. Around 60 Jarawas are residing along this stretch. At present, 7 Janjati sevaks of AAJVS are deployed at these locations to attend various needs of Jarawas. 3 vehicles have been provided for the transportation of Jarawas from one area to other area and to hospital in case of any medical help.

He pointed out that now a days, no policeman is deployed with the staff of AAJVS and ambulance without any patient sometimes ply on ATR after the convoy timings. SP(D) SA was directed to ensure that policemen are deployed along with staff of AAJVS at these locations. The staff at Jirkatang and