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7. PUC is a letter dated 19.4.2002 of the IGP, A&N Administration containing the observations of the SP, Andamans District on his visit to Jarawa area. The issues raised by him as a result of Jarawa movements are discussed as under: -

(1 & 2) Shortage of food items

8. This is a common observation that the Jarawas have food shortage and therefore they come out to plunder the orchards of the settlers of the villages bordering the Jarawa areas. This is a controversial issue, so we cannot pass any judgement. However, the Jarawas have been surviving on the natural food resources, i.e, the forest and the sea for centuries inspite of the fact that the Jarawa area has shrunk over the years due to settlement of the non-tribals. This issue, among others, whether there is a sufficient food resources available in the Jarawa reserve area keeping in view the land-man ratio, is being investigated by the Expert Committee constituted to go into the cause of change of the behavioral pattern of the Jarawas.

9. In the meanwhile, the Jarawa are being provided with sufficient quantity of banana as and when they come out and camp along the ATR, to supplement their food requirement.

(3) Scarcity of Drinking Water: -

10. As there could be possibility of scarcity of drinking water during the dry season, it has been decided by the Administration to construct check dams on the perennial running streams in the Jarawa reserved area. Accordingly, two such sites have already been identified, on which ALHW is likely to take up the work shortly.

(4) Presence of staff of AAJVS in Jarawa reserved area.

11. There are four mazdoors appointed on contract basis posted in Tirur area. They are deployed on duty to different places according to day-to-day requirement. Besides, one Dr. Pronob Kr. Sarkar, who has been appointed on contract in AAJVS, has been posted in the Jarawa area. It is proposed to station him at JPP Out Post, Tirur. The Police Department could be requested to provide him space in the JPP Tirur temporarily to facilitate his functioning. AAJVS staff will keep informed the Police Outpost about the movements of the Jarawas.