

Minutes of the meeting held at Raj Niwas on 26.3.99 at 4.00 PM to discuss the matter relating to compensation to the affected persons of Phooltala village due to plundering by Jarawas. (54)

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1. The meeting was attended by PCCF, DC (Andaman), Secretary (TW), Director (TW), SP(D), AC (TW), AC, Mayabunder, Shri.B.P.Ray, Secretary BJP and other representatives from the BJP.

2. Jarawas of Middle Andaman Islands entered Phooltala village on 21.3.99 and looted the items like *dah*, utensils, cloths etc., from the villagers. The list of items looted by the Jarawas has been signed by Pradhan Gram Panchayat, Kadamtala, Patwari Kadamtala, SHO, Kadamtala and Tribal Welfare Officer, Kadamtala. The monetary component has not been assessed by the Revenue Authority though the list is signed by Patwari also.

3. The representatives from the Political party requested for the following:

- (i) The affected persons be compensated by giving them items like *dah*, utensils etc., which they are lost because of the looting by the Jarawas instead of cash compensation.
- (ii) The police picket be established at Phooltala village with atleast two Police Constables.
- (iii) Awareness campaign be launched at Phooltala village about the Jarawas.

4. After detailed discussion, it was decided as under.

(i). The affected persons will be compensated by providing them the items like *dah* etc. The District Administration through AC Mayabubder shall distribute the items to the affected persons. The representatives of the affected persons be associated for the procurement of items for distribution.

(ii). Police Picket with two Constables be established by A & N Police at Phooltala.