

- While there are no detailed chronicles of contacts with Jarawas during the independence times, except prejudiced accounts, which describe them in the most derogatory terms, the first recorded non-hostile contact with Jarawa by the Administration in post-independence times took place in 1974. Thereafter, over the last 25 years, the Administration's contact groups have been in periodic touch with the Jarawas in day time only, on days close to the period of full moon. These contacts had been limited to gifting them with coconuts, bananas and red clothes.
- VII) In order to ensure minimal contacts between Jarawas and the non-tribals in South and Middle Andaman Islands, the administration has established a chain of police check post inside the forest known as Jarawa Protection Police Post. At present these number 26 and in British Time these used to be known as Bush Police. These outposts inside the Reserved Forest are built with the help of readily available minor forest products and no modern materials have been used for construction. However, such cane and bamboo outpost have often been subjected to Jarawa arrow attack at night, even injuring policemen, from time to time, the most recent of these being the case of a police constable who received an arrow injury in the head necessiating his evacuation for treatment on the mainland at Chennai and hospitalisation for several months.
- In order to assist the Jarawas, in staying inside the forest on the one hand, and also improving their capacity for self-reliance on the other, which is of paramount importance, the administration have, over the years, imparted instructions to them to go in for dispersed horticulture cultivation inside the forests focussing on coconut, jack fruits, papaya and so on. Such efforts have been made at Lakra Lungta in Middle Island, Spike Island and R. K. Nallah in South Andaman. However, it may be stated that these efforts have had limited success and barring Jack fruits cultivated, which the Jarawa themselves indulge in inside the forest, other crops till now, had not really prospered. However, in recent times, some of the Jarawas have begun to show interest in bringing about such cultivation and in some areas they have even protected their crops by fencing. Such dispersed cultivation by the administration had been done along the West Coast or in opening in the thick forest canopy. Other assistance have been in the nature of occasionally introducing some pigs (diseased free) into the jungle, which the Jarawas hunt and relish. Also some efforts have been made in teaching