

of 120 kms, it runs along the periphery of Jarawa reserved area. Over the last six-month or so, the Jarawas have been appearing in large number at a time along the ATR. Their interaction with non-tribal settlement on the periphery of ATR, though not hostile have nevertheless been one of the aggressive curiosity. On a few occasions, the Jarawas have also entered non-tribals settlements, which are well away from the forest, usually at night and aggressively demanded and carried away various household articles, arousing resentments among those in the settlement. The Jarawas do not as yet have a clear understanding of the concept of ownership and right to property and therefore, have a tendency to demand and snatch the articles.

(XI)

Reverting to the Enmai factor alluded to earlier, it may be mentioned that in some of the recent intrusion into non-tribal settlements, it has been noticed that Enmai himself has been prominent among the raiders. In view of this, it may be emphasize that the administration cannot build a policy of fraternisation with the Jarawa with Enmai as the corner stone of this approach, and his strange behavior noticed in recent times only confirms that there is a lot more than that we have to learn about Jarawa behaviour and patterns. The Administration has, among other steps, gone in for extensive consultation with the public at large, including representatives of various public organisations. In this connection a meeting was held on 04/03/1999 by the Lieutenant Governor himself to hear suggestions from such representatives including peoples from affected non-tribal settlement in the vicinity of the ATR, to discuss developments like the Jarawas coming into non-tribal settlement and the ATR the danger of spread of unknown disease to the Jarawas from non-tribal people, risk of road accidents and introduction of vices prevalent among non-tribals to the Jarawas and so on. Copy of the minutes of the meeting is Annexed as tribal people were also suffering considerable inconvenience because of the aggressive intrusions by Jarawas into their homes, the Lieutenant Governor constituted a Task Force/ Core group constituting the following :-

- i) Secretary (TW)
- ii) Deputy Commissioner (Andamans District)
- iii) Superintendent of Police (Andamans District)
- iv) Director (TW)
- v) Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India
- vi) Executive Secretary, AAJVS, Convenor