

Sub: -Tour note of A. K. Singh, Assistant Commissioner (TW)
on 04/08/99 in connection with the visit of Jarawa area
in the South Andaman Island - reg.

I reached Jerkatang outpost at about 10.30 a. m. when I discussed with In-charge Outpost, Jerkatang about the behaviour of Jarawas. He informed me that there are about 10-15 Jarawas at R. K. Nallah and they are not creating much problem to the motorists. When we reached R. K. Nallah, two females and two children were moving on the road near their huts. Self visited their huts, which were similar to the Community Hut (main huts inside the forest), I also visited Middle Strait where about 10 Jarawa children had come.

The following are my main observations: -

- 1) The inside of Jarawa hut was quite clean, but in front of entrance there was wastage of banana and shells. Due to rainy season the decomposition of these waste may cause health hazard to the Jarawas.
- 2) Daily rated staff of AAJVS informed that some Jarawas come to Middle Strait almost daily. The police party used to camp towards Jerkatang and prevent Jarawas only when they go towards Jerkatang.
- 3) I inspected the gift issue / receive register maintained by supplier at Ograbraj. At present officials of AAJVS are writing the number / amount in digits only which create scope of manipulation. Therefore, all staff of AAJVS should be directed to enter the number / amount in digit as well as in words also.

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May please peruse notes above from Para 4/n onwards.

It is regarding the inspection of Assistant Commissioner (TW) during his tour to Jarawa area in the South Andaman Island on 04/08/99. He had made certain important observations during his tour which includes following: -

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