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- (i) Waste bananas lying in front of Jarawa huts in R. K. Nallah which would be a health hazard for the Jarawas.
 - (ii) Police party patrolling near the R. K. Nallah only prevents Jarawas coming towards Jerkatang and apparently not much concerned about the Jarawa's movement towards Middle Strait on Andaman Trunk Road (ATR).
 - (iii) Maintenance of records of the gifts received from the supplier and distribution to Jarawas.

Giving of gifts of bananas and coconuts to Jarawas was initiated by the Administration only as an aid to persuade the Jarawas not to come to ATR and other settlement villages. It was not intended to be a routine gift which would turn out to be a dole. This matter was discussed some time during the 2nd week of July 1999 in the chamber of Secretary (TW) when the Director of Anthropological Survey of India, Calcutta had come to Port Blair alongwith Governor of West Bengal.

If the AAJVS gives the gifts on routine basis to the Jarawas, there is a likely hood that Jarawas would find it not necessary to change their camps in search of food. This continued stay of Jarawas in one place where the refuse / garbage due to banana etc. will pile-up and ultimately turning their camp inhospitable / hazardous to stay there.

The Police patrol party is required to keep moving on the ATR between Potatang and Middle Strait to prevent the Jarawas climbing on to the vehicles on ATR and also to prevent mixing up of Jarawas with the non-tribals. As per the report of Assistant Commissioner (TW) the Police party is able to accomplish their task partly.

As such, Secretary (TW) may like to discuss the matter with Superintendent of Police (District) and others in this context.

Proper records like register etc. regarding the receipt of the gift and the distribution should be maintained by the AAJVS at their headquarters as well as in the fields. Mandatory practice of writing the numbers in words also needs to be followed scrupulously while maintaining the records.