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officers of the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti. The team is studying this situation and will suggest a modified strategy to deal with the matter. A research and development cell dedicated to analysing Jarawa behavioural patterns and evolving both short term and long term strategies has also been created. Teams of officers have visited areas frequented by the Jarawas in South and Middle Andaman Island. Some of the steps already taken by the Administration are as follows:-

- (1) For several months now vehicles along the Andaman Trunk Road are being allowed to move only in convoys escorted by police, so as to prevent fraternisation between those in the vehicles and the Jarawas.
- (2) One of the possible reasons identified for Jarawas insecurity in the jungles is the incidence of foreign poaching along various parts of the west coast for which joint patrolling by the Navy, the Coast Guard and the Andaman and Nicobar Police is being intensified.
- (3) In this calendar year, so far, not a single hostile case involving Jarawas has been reported and there have been no killings of non-tribals in the dry season. The contacts involving offer of food items, fruits and coconuts, by the Administration are being maintained. It should be clarified that these gifts do not constitute the staple food of the Jarawas for which purpose their forest reserves are adequately rich.

However, it will be the endeavour of this Administration to extend to them medical assistance whenever this is felt to be necessary. This aspect cannot be ignored and shall continue.

The Enmay factor is being further evaluated. To some extent his fraternisation with the non-tribal world during his hospitalisation and thereafter, may have been a contributory factor in bringing other Jarawas out of the forests. To some extent he has also been the go between in dealing with the Jarawas in South Andaman, who were very hostile till the middle of last year. The Enmay link should be maintained and not allowed to be snapped entirely.