

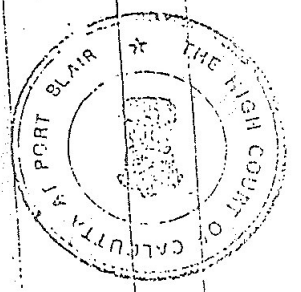
Since the Jarawa have a deep-rooted hatred for the great Andamanese, no attempt should be made to take any help of the latter for consolidating friendly relations with them. Mann (1973:218-19) suggested that the help of the Onge be taken for establishing contact as they seem to have some affiliation with the Jarawa. But that may create suspicion among the present-day Jarawa. It might not be able to differentiate between the Onge and the great Andamanese at first sight. One of the members of the Contact Party who has some working knowledge of the Onge language, says that there are similarities between the vocabularies of the Onge and the Jarawa tongues, but the pronunciation is so different that one becomes unintelligible to the speakers of the other. Therefore, till we collect

2) Report of the Committee of Anthropologists on the Jarawa and the Goppen Situations (Part I, 1981)

1) Measures should be taken now which might result in large-scale deterioration in the present Jarawa territory. As recommended by the STNA Committee, it would not be desirable to have a permanent labour camp near the construction of Andaman trunk road. Instead use of mobile labour parties should be made to the maximum extent possible. After the construction phase, for immediate maintenance purposes, the work force should be located at the north and south terminal points of the Jarawa reserve boundary. No habitations, whether official or private, should be located in the vicinity of the boundary of the Jarawa Reserve and certainly not within the Jarawa reserve.

It is good that the Government has constantly expressed its concern about unduly disturbing the Jarawa, striving to understand the problems of this hunter-gatherer tribe from experts, and taking action on the basis of the views expressed by specialists. What is most important now is to gain the faith and confidence of the Jarawa. To achieve this end, we need to learn a lesson from past experience. Accordingly, the following do's and don'ts suggest themselves:

1) The best mechanism for the Jarawa population. The purpose would be stringent enforcement of the Jarawa Reserve.



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