

suspicion among them and provide potential trouble-makers with a chance to approach the Jarawa and their territory. It is possible that such anti-socials may visit the area later with firearms to collect Jarawa artefacts for subsequent illegal sale.

7) The Sundaram Committee had recommended in its report that such gifts be distributed as may gradually make the Jarawa economically dependent on the Administration (1969). The xxxxx indicates that the Jarawa of Middle Andaman, a small population, are very fond of coconuts, bananas and plain cooked rice. The amount that is distributed once every month - about 1000 coconuts, and an equal number of bananas - may not be sufficient for these Jarawa who are at least 106 in number, as found on one of our visits in December 1987. Plain cooked rice, a plate per head, is distributed only during the visit. It would not be advisable to gift these items in large quantities as it would not be possible for the Jarawa to preserve these properly and consumption of rotten coconuts or bananas may create health problems.

In fact, such items as they will not be able to produce on their own should not be supplied. Measures should be taken to xk slowly stop the supply of those items. However, this may not be that easy to do as the Jarawa have by now become very fond of cooked rice. It is another item with which such an experiment may be conducted. The contact party observes on all visits to the Jarawa area that wherever a piece of iron is offered, they are overjoyed and make to grab it. For hunting and fishing they require iron for the arrows and it is xxxxxx reported that for this they sometimes raid neighbouring villages. During 1985 the Jarawa came twice to Madamta in the night and collected spades and other iron implements and left after taking bananas from the trees. No individual was attacked, but a cow was killed.

Encounters with the Bush Police, forest and civilian employees were reported on November 26, December 3, December 12 and December 16, 1985 between Jikata and Vata (Foca Hallan) in South Andaman. It was reported that the Jarawa attacked and injured some domestic animals and ransacked some houses in

