

Action taken on 22 points of the Jarawa Policy by Police Department.

(I) **PROTECTION OF CULTURAL IDENTITY:-**

- (i) **Maximum autonomy with minimum & regulated intervention:-**
There is no clarity as to whether laws of the land (CrPC, IPC etc) are applicable to Jawaras. Cases are being registered against them or even on their behalf and they have even been summoned as witnesses in court cases. However, till date the summons have not been served. No Jarawa has appeared in a court of law or has been prosecuted or arrested.

The Police is expected to prevent the local settler population, tourists etc from interacting with the Jarawas & affecting their traditional lifestyle. Under existing PAT regulations the Police can prevent locals and prosecute them from going inside the Jarawa reserve and interacting with the tribals. However there is no law in existence to prevent people from interacting with Jarawas who come out of the reserve. The PAT regulations are focused on preventing entry into the reserve only and do not talk about interaction with Jarawas who come out of the reserve.

(II) **PROTECTION OF NATURAL HABITAT**

- (a) **Exploitation of Natural resources within the Jarawa reserve.**

The Jarawa Protection posts are too wide spread for effective physical coverage of the vast reserve. Poachers can sneak in anywhere in the physically unbounded and undemarcated area. The strength of Police posts and their number is too less compared to the physical area they are expected to protect. If the policy is to be implemented effectively, the police strength & mobility needs to be increased in proportion to the vast area required to be patrolled. This would need to be supplemented by a similar increase in the Forest & AAJVS strength and preventive actions would have to be carried out jointly.

Despite severe constraints the Police have stepped up its action & booked 27 persons in 11 cases till March 2006 compared to 11 cases in the whole of last year.

- (b) Demarcation of Jarawa reserve territory be done by Revenue Department etc.
- (c) Encroachments by local settlers in villages adjoining the reserve area need to be immediately removed by forest department.
- (d) & (e), Pertain to office of the DC & Forest Department.