police personnel engaged at Uttara Jetty would ensure early crossing of night bus in the ferry. Regarding change in the departure timing at Parlobjig No. 15 it was clarified that it would not be possible as the matter is monitored by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. SP (D), SA also raised the concern that in the event of breakdown of the bus or due to road blockage during night, the passenger would be stranded in the jungle. It was informed that the operator has buses stationed idle at Rangat and Diglipur which can be used to transport the passengers if the spare bus can reach the spot and if it is not accessible then they would wait till the resumption of convoy.

DSS stated that directions would be issued to the master of ferry stationed at Uttara jetty to give preference to the night bus service in getting the bus cross over the creek.

DFO, SA showed apprehension regarding disruption of service if there is a disturbance due to the movement of elephants between Diglipur and Mayabunder. It was clarified that the traffic between Diglipur and Mayabunder has now become normal and no such disturbance is noticed.

Executive secretary, AAJVS, Directorate of Tribal Welfare stated that since there is no deviation in the convoy timings and no disturbance to the Jarawas due to the movement of this bus, they do not have any objection in the operation of the night bus service between Diglipur and Port Blair.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair

Secretary (STA)
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