

प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी का कार्यालय
दक्षिण अण्डमान, विम्बर्लीगंज

**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
SOUTH ANDAMAN, WIMBERLYGUNJ**

No. 16/6/G/49/190

Date : 21.12.2015

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andaman & Nicobar Islands,
Port Blair.

(Through the CCF, Territorial Circle)

Sub:- **Unrestricted access to Jarawa tribal reserve** -reg.

Sir,

It is brought to your kind information that this office has received a proposal for diversion of forest land for the purpose of "construction of 2-lane bridge over Middle Strait Creek of NH-223 connecting South Andaman Island and Baratang Island" on 17.12.2015. In order to complete part-II of the FCA proposal, this office was directed to complete the enumeration of the trees in the proposed area within a period of seven days. This issue was finalized in the meeting chaired by Hon'ble MP, A & N Islands which was attended by the Principal Secretary, APWD, APCCF(FCA & CRZ), DC, South Andaman and other senior officers from various Departments.

The efforts for early completion of the enumeration were putforth by this Division. However, due to the restriction in the Jarawa tribal reserve by the A & N Police, the staff & labourers of Forest Department could not spend sufficient time keeping the scheduled convoy timings. Keeping the convoy timing in view, the field timing has been very much restricted due to which the enumeration is not moving as per the schedule. It is also informed that the Incharge, Checkpost Jarawa Tribal reserve did not allow beyond the convoy timings a Mazdoor, who was bitten by a snake during the course of tree enumeration.

Hence, it is kindly requested to take-up the issue with DGP, A & N Islands for unrestricted access in the Jarawa tribal reserve for carrying out the enumeration work. It is also submitted that there may be delay in completing the work without unrestricted access for which this Division should not be held responsible.

This is submitted for your kind perusal please.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

(Dr.S.Dinesh Kannan, IFS)

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Copy to :-

1. The PCCF, A & N Islands, Port Blair for kind information.
2. The Principal Secretary, APWD, Port Blair for kind information.
3. The Secretary, Tribal Welfare, Port Blair for kind information.
4. The Superintendent of Police, SAD, Port Blair for kind information.
5. The Range Officer, Jirkatang Range for information & necessary action.