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Agenda point no: 6 Review of implementation of Jarawa Policy.

The house discussed about the implementation of Jarawa policy in detail. Secretary (TW) suggested that till the alternative sea route comes into force, the tourist traffic may be regulated through closure of tourists spots In Baratang Island along the same lines as imposed in Red Skin island.

PCCF clarified that Red Skin Island is a Protected area under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 but Baratang is not hence, it is not possible to close the tourist spots.

Chairman directed that convoy system should be enforced strictly and status quo maintained till modalities for diverting tourist traffic thorough alternative sea route are finalized.

With regard to allowing vehicle to return the same day from Baratang, Chief Secretary advised PCCF to check and confirm whether this can be done keeping in view affidavits filed by A&N Administration, before the Supreme Court.

With regard to review of Jarawa policy, Chief Secretary claified that the matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs and response is awaited.

Agenda point no: VII Allotment of land at Tirur / Herbertabad for establishing AAJVS Office. Approval to hire a room for Office purposes till land is allotted.

The Secretary (TW) informed the house that AAJVS requires a small room at Tirur / Herbertabad for operating its daily activities.