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## C I R C U L A R

The Government of India. Ministry of Home Affairs has notified a separate policy for the Jarawas viz.. The Jarawa Policy during December 2004 with the aim towards total safety, protection and well being the Jarawas.

As per clause IV (e) of the Jarawa Policy,

"The tourist traffic on the Andaman Trunk Road will be strictly monitored to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawas and the tourists and clause VI (b) says that "The Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) an autonomous body will function like a trustee of the interest of the Jarawas and advise the A&N Administration regarding the protection and welfare of all aboriginal tribes including the Jarawas"

It has come to notice that many tour operators do not obey the guidelines laid down in the Jarawa policy and directions given by the A&N Administration from time to time and stop their vehicles near Jarawa camp for interaction, photography and giving gifts to the Jarawas.

The A&N Administration has taken the matter very seriously and decided in the meeting of the State Transport Authority and decided to book cases against all drivers / vehicles owners who stop their vehicle between Jirkatang no: II and Middle Strait.

Now therefore, the employees of AAJVS posted on the Andaman Trunk Road between Jirkatang NO: II and Middle Strait are hereby directed that:-

- a) They should be present on duty from 0600 hrs to 1500 hrs daily
- b) They should have proper vigil on all the vehicles passing on the Andaman Trunk Road
- c) Dr. Bisweswar Das, Social Worker, Shri. P. Anil Kumar Peon-Cum-Messenger and Shri. Prosenjit Mondal, Pharmacist are provided with digital camera with memory card with the direction to take photographs / video of all vehicles that stop on the ATR / and contact with the Jarawas, taking photographs, giving gifts, tobacco etc as and when necessary.