

preserve this ancient community and to value their unique culture and life styles.

6. With the above objectives in view, the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs have framed various strategies/ guidelines for the protection and welfare of the Jarawas. One of the strategies is regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road. The strategy framed by Govt. of India is as follows:

- (a) Traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be regulated strictly limiting the traffic to the essential purposes of public transport, supplies and emergency evacuation of patients and to ensure that it is an innocent and harmless passage and not a source of trouble to Jarawas.
- (b) Vehicles on Andaman Trunk Road will be allowed to move only in restricted hours and in convoy under notified speed limit to avert possible road accidents and to avoid any sort of interaction of travelers with Jarawas.
- (c) Facilities for travel by boat/ship will be strengthened and transportation/ travel by sea will be encouraged.