

In accordance with the policy, the Administration has taken various steps for the welfare and protection of Jarawas from time to time.

Some of major areas can be elucidated as under :

- (i.) Exclusive natural resources base i.e. Jarawa forest reserve area has been increased from 847.41 sq. kms to 1028.35 sq. kms. Tribal reserve has been demarcated taking into account natural features like hill range, peaks, creeks etc.
- (ii.) Exclusive marine resource base of Jarawa has also been increased by declaring coastal water up to 5 km from high tide mark as tribal reserve in the Western side from Constant Bay in the South Andaman to Luis-in-let Bay in Middle Andaman.
- (iii.) The existing road sign board on ATR in Jarawa sector carrying **"NO OVERTAKING"** and **"MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT 40 Kmph"** were erected.
- (iv.) 11 out of 24 Nos. of Police camps, 3 out of 8 Nos. Forest Camp and 2 out of 4 Nos. PWD camp have been withdrawn from the vicinity of the Jarawa reserve area.
- (v.) Notified the area upto 5 km radius around the Jarawa Tribal Reserve in terms of the notification No. 159/2004/F.No.1-752/2002-TW(PF) dated 15th September, 2004 from the Boundary Line starting from Constance Bay in South Andaman to Lewis Inlet Bay in Middle Andaman, as a Buffer Zone vide notification No. 234/2007/F.No.1-752/2007-TW dated 30th October 2007. Any / person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe is prohibited from entering the Buffer Zone for any commercial and / or tourism activities.
- (vi.) Eco-friendly Jarawa ward comprising an area of 250 Sqmts in survey no. 1/6 on western side to the existing PHC Kadamtala has been constructed. Similar eco-friendly Jarawa ward to the hill lock of the existing PHC Baratang is under construction.

To come up with this situation, the Administration has taken various positive actions. One of such action is to control the convoy system on ATR. The traffic on ATR earlier it was 10 times which is now reduced to 8 times with specified hours of departure at check-post, prohibited two wheelers, three wheelers and pedestrians.

But various type of vehicles were increased in many fold, theirby movement of non-tribal particularly **Tourist** were increased several times more then expected which can be seen as follows :