No. DGP/Genl/11/13/2007/ 7479 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE

Andaman and Nicobar Islands,

Mr. The Kell

Port Blair, dated the

30th November, 2007

The Assistant Commissioner (TW)
Directorate of Tribal Welfare,
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Sub: Protection of Jarawa Tribal Reserve - Regarding.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No. 1-752/2007-TW/757 dated 23rd November, 2007 seeking comments/views on the draft notifications on the subject cited above.

(1) <u>Draft notification regarding including the 30 meter on either side of ATR in Reserved Area</u>.

The proposed declaring of the existing belt of 30 meters on either side of ATR as Reserved area (except at Nilambur – Middle Strait and Uttara – Gandhi Ghat) is accepted. This would facilitate the enforcing agencies to prosecute the offenders of the Tribal Policy on the ATR. However, there should be clause that regulated convoys, duly escorted by Police, as per schedule fixed by the Administration or otherwise permitted due to emergency etc would be allowed the passage (without halt) on the ATR.

(2) <u>Draft notification regarding exemption of tribal pass to pre-1942 settlers and settlers of Government approved schemes to travel through ATR without tribal pass.</u>

This Draft Notification is not acceptable as it does not properly address the issues involved. The draft notification permits only the pre-1942 settlers and Settlers under Government approved schemes to travel through ATR without Tribal Pass. It may be mentioned here that at present individual persons are not checked for any documents to travel through