

starting from Constance Bay in South Andaman to Lewis Inlet in Middle Andaman has been notified 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.

- f) 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.

In order to curtail traffic movement on the ATR, Administration has introduced a convoy system. To minimize the traffic further this convoy system is now reduced to 8 times per day with specified hours of departure at check post. Two wheelers, three wheelers and pedestrians are prohibited. Inspite of all these measures, it has been noticed that the Tourist vehicles passing through Jarawa Reserve have increased and the movement of non-tribals particularly Tourists has thus increased. In the course of the movement of vehicles, accidents also take place. The increase of passengers passing through Jarawa Reserve is having an adverse impact on the habits of the Jarawas, as the tourists take photographs and offer food to them. This adverse impact is felt most acutely in the South Andaman part of the Jarawa reserve, as tourists go only up to Baratang. The Jarawas of Middle Andaman are comparatively undisturbed, as there is no tourist pressure beyond Baratang.

The Administration has already moved a proposal in partial modification of the notification No.159/2004 F.No. 1-752/2002-TW (PF) dated 15th Sept'2004 to declare the existing belt of 30 mts. from the central line on either side of Andaman Trunk Road passing through the Jarawa territory (Jirkatang No.2 - Middle Strait) as Reserved area (except at Nilambur - Middle Strait where the Jetty and Port facilities exist).

However this may not suffice to address the problem of Jarawas being overwhelmed by the dominant culture carried into their territory by the tourists. It is, therefore, proposed to ban the entry of tourists into the Andaman Trunk Road passing through the Jarawa territory (Jirkatang No.2 to Middle Strait) and to provide alternate transport i.e. ferry service from and to Port Blair and Baratang Port.