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No. 1-752/2007-TW/
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

Port Blair, dated the January' 08.

To

The Joint Secretary to the of Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block
New Delhi - 110 001

Sub: **Proposal to ban the entry of the tourists into the Andaman Trunk Road reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to state that in accordance with the Jarawa Policy, this Administration has taken various steps for the welfare and protection of Jarawas.

Some of the major steps are discussed as under:

- a) Exclusive natural resources base i.e. Jarawa forest reserve area has been increased from 847.41 sq. kms to 1028.35 sq kms. w.e.f 15-09-2004. Tribal reserve has been demarcated taking into account natural features like hill range, peaks, creeks etc.
- b) Exclusive marine resource base of Jarawa has also been increased by declaring w.e.f 15-09-2004 coastal water upto 5 km from high tide mark as tribal reserve in the Western side from Constance Bay in the South Andaman to Luis-in-let Bay in Middle Andaman.
- c) The existing road signages on ATR in Jarawa sector carrying 'No Overtaking' and 'Maximum Speed Limit 40 Kmph' were erected.
- d) Eleven out of twenty four Police camps, 3 out of 8 Forest camps and 2 out of 4 PWD Camps have been withdrawn from the vicinity of the Jarawa reserve area.
- e) 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 ^{has been} ~~was~~ 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.