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No. 1-752/2007-TW
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
Directorate of Tribal Welfare.
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Port Blair, dated the January '08.

To ^{to the}
The Joint Secretary 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, the 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.} Tribal reserve has been demarcated taking into account natural features like hill ranges, peaks, creeks etc.
- b) Exclusive marine resource base of Jarawa has also been increased by declaring ^{w.e.f.} coastal water upto 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.
- c) The existing road sign ^{ages} board on ATR in Jarawa sector carrying 'No Overtaking' and 'Maximum Speed Limit 40 Kmph' were erected.
- d) ^{Eleven} ~~11~~ out of ^{twenty four} ~~24~~ Nos of Police camps, 3 out of 8 Nos Forest camp and 2 out of 4 ~~Nos~~ ^{PWD} Camps have been withdrawn from the vicinity of the Jarawa reserve area.
- e) ^T ~~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 ^{was notified} 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.