

(60) The IGP vide letter dated 22.9.2007 at page 18-19/c has stated that **"as proposed by the Director (TW), the permission granted to M/S Barefoot for conversion of property for commercial use at Collinpur should be withdrawn by Revenue Authorities immediately in the interest of protection of aboriginal tribe of Jarawas"**.

(61) The ES, AAJVS vide letter dated 21.9.2007 at page 20/c has stated that **"the actions as suggested by the Special Secretary (TW) may be initiated without any delay and the establishment of Barefoot Resort at Collinpur may be stopped forthwith"**.

(62) As the comments of DC, South Andaman on the issues have not been received in spite of reminders, it is presumed that he has no objection to the proposed course of action detailed in the above said note.

(63) In terms of the decision taken in the General Body meeting of AAJVS held on 17.8.2007 (an extract of the minutes of General Body Meeting is placed at page 23/c), we have requested DC, South Andaman to immediately; (a) withdraw the permission to convert the land purchased by M/S Barefoot in Collinpur for commercial use; (b) a buffer zone of 5 kms around the Jarawa tribal reserve may be provided, where no commercial or tourist activities would be allowed; and (c) the demarcation of the Jarawa tribal reserves may be expedited at the earliest, and action may also be initiated to demarcate the 5 Kms buffer zone around it vide this office No.1-752/2007-TW/592 dated 26-09-2007. (Page at 24/e)

Further, in order to protect the Jarawas from harmful affects of exposure and contact with the outside world, it is necessary to provide a buffer zone of 5 Kms. around the Jarawa Tribal Reserve, where no commercial for tourist activities would be allowed. Accordingly, a draft notification declaring the area upto five Km radius around the Jarawa Tribal Reserve notified vide NO.159/2004/F.No.1-752/2002-TW (PF) dt. 15-9-2004 from the Boundary Line starting from Constance Bay in South Andaman to Lewis Inlet Bay in Middle Andaman, as a Buffer Zone was attempted and the same was referred to Law department for vetting the proposal at para 47-48/N. The Secretary (Law) has vetted the draft notification vide 51/N.