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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11-2-2008 IN THE CHAMBER OF CHIEF SECRETARY, A & N ADMINISTRATION FOR DISCUSSION ON TWO DRAFT NOTIFICATIONS CONCERNING JARAWA TRIBAL RESERVE PROPOSED BY DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE.

A meeting was held on 11-2-2008 in the Chamber of Chief Secretary, A & N Administration for discussion on following two draft notifications concerning Jarawa Tribal Reserve of South Andaman as proposed by the Department of Tribal Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair :-

- (i) Notification regarding declaration of existing belt of 30 mts. on either side from the central line of Andaman Trunk Road as Tribal Reserve.
- (ii) Introduction of compulsory obtaining of tribal pass for any non-tribal traveling across the Andaman Trunk Road passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve with exemption to Pre 1942 settlers and their descendents, settlers and their dependent family members with valid Islanders Identity Card issued by the A & N Administration.

The following officers were present in the meeting:-

1. Shri C.Targey, Chief Secretary, A & N Administration.
2. Shri. Ranjeet Narayan, Director General of Police, A & N Islands.
3. Shri. Arvind Ray, Commissioner-cum- Secretary (Transport), A & N Administration.
4. Shri. S.S. Garbyal, PCCF (In-charge), Port Blair
5. Shri. Taj Hassan, Deputy Inspector General, A & N Islands.
6. Shri. Sanjeev Khirwar, Secretary (Shipping), A & N Administration.
7. Smti Rinku Dhugga, Secretary (Perl, GA), A & N Administration.
8. Smti. P.G.Dutta, Secretary (Law), A & N Administration.
9. Smti. S.K.P.Sodhi, Spl Secretary, Tribal Welfare.
10. Shri. Rajesh Somal, Spl. Secretary, (CS&CA, Tourism).
11. Shri. Govind Ram, Executive Secretary, AAJVS and Assistant Commissioner, Tribal Welfare.

After deliberation on all aspects of the proposed notifications including the tourism activities taking place at Baratang and also at Middle and North Andaman, the following decisions were taken:-

- (a) Keeping in view the fact that while the Jarawa PTG is to be protected and preserved as a unique human heritage, the promotion of tourism in the island territory also needs to be taken care of, it was decided