

- (B) **The DC, South Andaman** vide their letter dated 13th December '2007 has furnished the comments as under:

The draft notifications are found to be in order. However, the same could also be routed through the law department for vetting vis-à-vis the legal position. The proposed notifications will restrict the movement of tourists as well as the passing of goods / essential commodities over the stretch of land between Jirkatang to Middle Strait. This is the main link connecting North &, Middle Andaman with South Andaman District. Restricting movement of goods etc over this stretch may be related to putting in place alternate mechanisms for transport etc. This issue might have to be addressed.

Clarification: *Proposal agreed by the DC, South Andaman and the same will be sent to Law department for vetting.*

- (C) **The Dy. Director (Tourism) DC, South Andaman** vide their letter dated 29th November '2007 has furnished the comments as under:

As per the notification the existing belt of 30 metres from the central line on the either side of Andaman Trunk Road would come under reserved area (except at Nilambur-Middle Strait and Uttara Gandhi Ghat where the existing Jetty and Port Facilities). If this notification comes into effect, it will prevent the tourists from going to Baratang by road through and through. Further there is no boat, service available from Port Blair to Baratang. As a result, daily visit of tourists from Port Blair to Baratang and Middle and North Andaman would get adversely affected.

Therefore, it is requested to modify the notification by incorporating the clause of restricting the number of tourists visiting Baratang and Middle and North Andaman to 200 Nos. per day instead of declaring ATR as reserved area till the sea connectivity is improved as at present Directorate of Shipping Services do not have suitable vessels to ply between Port Blair and Baratang and they are unable to cater to the demand of the tourists.

Clarification: *This proposed notification is meant for control the tourist and to eliminate the Jarawa Tourism. Therefore the question of keeping the provision in the notification allowing 200 tourist per day is not justified.*

- (D) **The PCCF** vide their letter dated 14th December '2007 has furnished the comments as under: