

giving up hostility and also started interacting with the non-tribal population of the adjoining areas albeit hesitatingly and with suspicion during initial few years.

5. With the passage of nearly a decade since cessation of hostility by Jarawas, now there is neither any attraction in the minds of the non-tribal local population towards the Jarawa nor there is any threat to the local settlers from the Jarawas. However, with the growth in tourism sector in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the small Primitive Tribe "**Jarawa**" is now threatened by rapidly increasing tourist traffic carrying tourists on the Andaman Trunk Road through the Tribal Reserve.
6. Under the provision of Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956, the forest habitats of aboriginal tribes have already been notified as tribal reserve. The last of such notification declaring tribal reserve for the Jarawas in South and Middle Andaman issued vide Gazette Notification No.159/2004, dated 15th September 2004 includes area from Constance Bay in South Andaman to Lewis Inlet in the Middle Andaman. As per the provisions of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956, no person other than a member of aboriginal tribe can have entry into reserve area or have acquisition of land or carry on any trade or business in the reserve area.
7. In spite of such strict legal provisions, some of the unscrupulous investors, particularly in the tourism sector have started different tourism related activities just on the outskirts of the tribal reserve boundary. With the intention to further ensure due protection of the small primitive tribe "**Jarawa**" as a unique human heritage, Andaman and Nicobar Administration in consultation with Government of India also notified Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands vide Extra-ordinary Gazette notification No.210, dated 21/12/2004. This Policy on Jarawa Tribe lays down the objectives and strategies/guidelines for protection of cultural identity, natural habitat, health status of Jarawa and regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road.
8. In order to ensure the achievement of above mentioned objectives of the Jarawa Policy and to provide the small primitive tribe "Jarawa" a foolproof protection from the hazards of poaching and other commercial activities the area upto 5 kms radius around the Jarawa Tribal Reserve notified vide notification No.159/2004, dated 15th September 2004 has been notified as buffer zone vide notification No.234/2007, dated 30th October 2007 of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. As per this notification any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe is prohibited from entry into the *buffer zone for any commercial and/or tourism activities.*