

The draft notification declaring the existing belt of 30 mtrs central line on either side of Andaman Trunk Road as Reserved Area (except at Nilambur, Middle Strait and Uttara-Gandhi Ghat where the existing and the port facilities), it is suggested that it would be better if the stretch of ATR which is being proposed for including in the Tribal Reserve may be clearly stated or spelt in the Notification. In addition to the above, it would be better if the comment of APWD is obtained who in maintaining the road.

The draft notification regarding exemption from the requirement of taking pass under the tribal regulation while passing through the Jarawa Reserve through ATR, there is no comments to offer as this is a policy matter. However, entry of forest staff and officials in the Jarawa Reserve should be unrestricted as the Jarawa Reserve is also a part of Reserved Forest and protection of Forest and Tribals therein is within mandate of forest official as per order of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta.

Clarification: The previous notification number 159/2004 F.No.1-752/2002-TW(PF) dated 15th Sept'2004 has specified declaring the existing belt of 30 mtrs from the central line on the other side of the ATR is outside of reserved which is now proposed to bring this 30 mtrs into reserved area i.e it is meant from Jirkatang No.2 to Middle Strait area.

The Officers and staff of the Forest department are Govt. servant which has already been provided exemption from entering in the tribal area in the A & N (PAT) Regulation, 1956.

(E) The **Director (Shipping Services)** vide their letter dated 4th December'2007 has stated that the Shipping department is providing regular service to Middle and North Andaman by deploying speed vessels to Diglipur and Rangat 5 trips in a week and to Mayabunder twice in a week.

Clarification: We will request the DSS to provide required more ferry passenger vessel for Baratang, Kadamtala, Rangat, Mayabunder and Diglipur. They may be requested to wide publicity for commuters and particularly tourist regarding sailing programme and facilities for the journey.