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In order to further tighten the implementation of the Jarawa Policy in letter and spirit it has been felt necessary to declare the existing belt of 30 meters on each side of the ATR from Jirkatang to Middle Strait as reserved area, and also to make it necessary for the persons other than pre 1942 settlers and their descendents, settlers and their dependent family members who have been rehabilitated/settled in these islands under the approved scheme of the Government, and permanent inhabitants among the people of South, Middle & North Andaman Islands as defined under Rule 170 of the A & N Islands Land Revenue and Land Reform Rules 1968 all of whom have valid Islanders Identity Card issued by the A&N Administration, to obtain a tribal pass under the above said regulation for entering the Jarawa territory and the buffer zone around it. This proposal was circulated amongst the Forest Department, Police Department, District Administration, IP&T Department and the AAJVS and their observations are summarised below:

Department	Declaration of 30 mts. on either side of ATR as Reserved area.	Requirement of Tribal Pass for all people traveling through ATR except pre 1942 settlers and their descendents etc.	Response of Tribal Welfare Department.
Police Department	Accepted	It expressed difficulty in checking each and every person who enters the tribal reserve area. It apprehends that non Identity Card holders entering the ATR exceed those that are holding Identity Cards. It has suggested that alternative transport arrangement connecting Port Blair to Baratang should be in place first.	It would be the responsibility of the tour operators to certify that his passengers are valid owners of the Island Identity Card or a Tribal Pass. The convoy system would continue to be in place and Police may undertake random checking of the passengers to ensure that the requirements under the proposed notifications are adhered to.
D.C, South Andaman	Accepted.	With the condition that it should not hamper the movement of goods over this stretch	This Department does not envisage any obstruction to movement of goods across the ATR.