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The Jarawa Policy notified vide extraordinary gazette Notification No. 210 dated 21-12-2004 has its objectives as follows:-

- (i) To protect the Jarawas from harmful effects of exposure and contact with the outside world while they are not physically, socially and culturally prepared for such interface;
- (ii) To preserve the social organization, mode of subsistence and cultural identity of the Jarawa community;
- (iii) To provide medical help to the Jarawas to reduce mortality and morbidity in case of their sudden affliction with diseases which their systems are unaccustomed to;
- (iv) To conserve the ecology and environment of the Jarawa Reserve Territory and strengthen support systems in order to enable the Jarawas pursue their traditional modes of subsistence and way of life; and
- (v) To sensitize settler communities around the Jarawas habitat and personnel working for the protection and preservation of the Jarawas about the need to preserve this ancient community and to value their unique culture and life styles.

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In view of the above objectives, particularly at point No. (i), (ii) and (iv) suitable action either directly or by notifying any further notification excepting the concept of "buffer zone" may be taken to restrain the Petitioner as well as any other parties from exploitation of Jarawas just on the outskirts of the tribal reserve by starting such commercial activities which are seriously detrimental to the interest of Jarawas

In the light of the position as explained above it is suggested that following action may be taken immediately in the first phase:-

- (1) The Tribal Welfare Department may immediately issue a direction, pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble High Court, to the writ petitioner to desist from carrying out any commercial/tourism activities on the subject land.
- (2) The Department of Tribal Welfare may also issue a letter immediately to the Assistant Commissioner, South Andaman, the competent authority for diversion of land advising him not to allow diversion of the subject land or any other land in the vicinity for commercial purpose, endorsing a copy of the same to the DC, South Andaman District.