

The orientation training programmes for the Bush Police personnel have been organised for the protection of the Jarawa against the poachers and protection to the settlers, against the hostility of the Jarawas.

The arms licences of the settlers who inhabit the area bordering Jarawa area (tribal area) have been cancelled and carrying of fire arms except by the Police is prohibited in the Jarawa belt.

The general public is educated about the sanctity of the tribal areas (reserved area) under the provisions of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 through Press-release, radio-talks, sign boards etc. The Police is to ensure inviolability of the tribal areas to non-tribals. But these measures have not contributed much to reduce numbers of offences in respect of the tribal areas as could be seen from the statement of the offences during the last five years vide Annexure-I. Hence, the provision of deterrent penalties against the offenders will be the only way out.

The proposal regarding enhancement of penalties for the offences committed under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 has been vetted by the Judicial Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

The proposal for amendment to the existing provisions of the said Regulation was placed before the Pradesh Council in its session held on 5.5.92 and it was unanimously passed by the Pradesh Council.

Yours faithfully,

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