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Proceedings of the meeting regarding resumption of construction of Andaman Trunk Road between 87 to 110 KM passing through Jarawa Territory.

A meeting in connection with the resumption of construction of Andaman Trunk Road between 87 and 110 KM passing through the Jarawa Territory was held in the chamber of Chief Secretary on 10.10.83 at 2.30 PM under the Chairmanship of Sri R.D.Kapur, Chief Secretary.

The meeting was attended by:

1. Shri Shakti Singh, Secretary(TW) & D.C. Andamans
2. " F.L.R.Siana, I.G.P.
3. " S.B.Roy, Conservator of Forests(A)
4. " Hayat Singh, Supdt.Engineer, APWD
5. " T.N.Pandit, Dy.Director, Anthropological Survey of India
6. " & I.Mushtaq Ali, Director(TW)
7. " N.Mohamed, Asst. Commissioner(TW)
8. " O.P.Arya, Dy.S.P(Bush Police)

The following agenda items were discussed in the meeting:-

1. Declaration of the area along the entire length of the road both on the Western and Eastern side, falling in the Jarawa Territory to be declared as Jarawa Reserve.

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The present demarcation of the Jarawa Reserve is the area towards the western side of the Andaman Trunk Road covering an area of 765 sq.km. As per the suggestion given by the Govt of India, a review for re-defining the Jarawa Reserve has been undertaken. Since the activities of the Forest Department are in the southern side of Potatang Nallah, it has been decided that the area on the eastern side of the Andaman Trunk Road from the Potatang Creek may also be included in the Jarawa Reserve. This will provide an additional area of about 90 sq.km to the Jarawa Reserve.

2. Adhering to the safeguards recommended by the Team of Anthropologists:

It was decided that a watch dog committee may be constituted under the Chairmanship of the Secretary(TW). Other members of the Committee could be :

1. Deputy Commissioner, Andamans
2. Conservator of Forests(A)
3. S.P., A & N Islands
4. Principal Engineer, APWD
5. Dy.Director, Anthropological Survey of India

It was also recommended that the watch dog committee should meet at regular intervals.

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