

- (c) Regarding the influx of population from mainland, the matter is already under consideration of the Government of India. Administration has proposed a Regulation to restrict entry of people in the islands.
- (d) In the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samity meeting held in the month of June 1982, a Committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, Deputy Director of Anthropological Survey of India and Director of Tribal Welfare has been constituted to suggest ways and means for preserving the sanctity of tribal reserve by strict implementation of the Aboriginal Tribes Protection Regulation and to suggest how the attitude of the public including the Bush Police personnel can be re-oriented towards the Jarawas.
- (e) Forestry operations are going on only on the eastern coast of the island which is outside the Jarawa reserve area; no felling of trees by Forest Department or unauthorised removal of timber is taking place within the Jarawa reserve. The Committee has made a drastic suggestion that exploitation of forest in the area adjoining the Jarawa reserve in South and Middle Andamans may be stopped. The Forest Department, however, is not favourably inclined towards the suggestion due to following reasons. Firstly, the expenditure incurred in the organisation of temporary camps, roads, tram lines, trucks etc., will become infructuous. Secondly, stopping exploitation of forest in the area would lead to retrenchment of permanent labourers deployed in the forestry sector; shifting forestry operations to another place may not be practicable since the Working Plan for harvesting of timber is to be on sustained yield basis. Thirdly, there may be reduction in the availability of timber to the local wood-based industries. In this context, it is worth noting that the entire forestry operations are towards the eastern side of the proposed Andaman Trunk Road and outside the Jarawa reserve. Moreover, the instances of Jarawas attacking labourers engaged in forestry operations is almost nil. Therefore, this Administration is of the view that forestry operations on the eastern coast of the island which is not covered by Jarawa reserve need not be stopped. Precaution will be taken to protect the interest of Jarawas.
- (f) For ensuring compliance of the Regulation, sign boards on the boundary of the reserve will be put up. The Sub Committee of Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samity consisting of the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, Director of Tribal Welfare and Deputy Director of Anth