

According to LG, A&N, four major issues need attention. The first issue is concerning protection of Jarawas, second issue is about the livelihood of the settlers around the Reserve, the third issue is regarding the ATR which passes through the buffer zone and the fourth issue is concerning the buffer zone. He mentioned that the Administration would revisit the issue and a Committee has been constituted in this regard. The Supreme Court has been requested to give six months to the Administration to get back with all necessary amendments. The Administration will ensure that two issues are addressed, i.e protection of Jarawas and ensuring the livelihood of the settlers. The Andaman Truck Road (ATR) passes through the buffer zone. A&N Administration has reduced the number of convoys passing through the ATR. Simultaneously, the work on sea route has also started and it is likely to be completed within the given time frame i.e, by 2014. The alternate sea route will be opened for traffic by March, 2015.

The Member (SH), Planning Commission, desired to know the status of the appeal on the Order of 2002 by the A&N Administration in the Supreme Court. She mentioned that A&N Administration has not made any progress since the last meeting of the Standing Committee of IDA. The Lt. Governor, A&N said that the matter is still pending in the Supreme Court and no firm order has so far been issued concerning the ATR so far.

The MP A&N pointed out that ATR was nationalized at the 10th meeting of IDA. He informed that ATR has been reduced in length size and demanded that it should remain in its initial condition because there is no threat to the Jarawas. He referred to the Parliamentary Committee report which states that, "At the juncture when many of the Jarawas are willing to come to the mainstream and like modernized life style, it will be inappropriate to suppress their voice leaving them totally in isolation without care." He said that we should bring the Jarawas into the mainstream. He expressed the view that the alternate sea route is not in the best interest of the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the ATR should remain in its original shape. The M.P A&N also raised other issues such as penalty for entering into the buffer zone and arbitrary steps and decisions taken by the A&N Administration on ATR. The Deputy Chairman asked the M.P to send a comprehensive note giving complete details of all the issues.

Important issues concerning aboriginal tribes:

The LG A&N made a presentation on following issues concerning aboriginal tribes:

✓ (A) Andaman Trunk Road (ATR)

The ATR has been constructed as a part of an approved rehabilitation scheme. 56 Km stretch of the ATR passes through the Jarawa Reserve. It is a lifeline for 1.50 Lakh population in about 100 settlements. The A&N Administration has regulated