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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

NO.1-836/2012-TW/

NOTE

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1 Placed opposite is a note dated 21st August, 2012 of the District Magistrate (DC), North & Middle Andaman addressed to the Chief Secretary, A&N Admn. seeking exemption from convoy system of vehicles operating on the ATR passing through the Jarawa Reserve territory. He has stated that he is often required to come down to Port Blair by road in exigency of public service at short notice from the Administration/Hon'ble Lt. Governor's Secretariat being the DC/DM of North & Middle Andaman District. In the same way he has to return to his headquarters at Mayabunder in the public interest same day after the work/assignment is over without being held up at Port Blair.

2 Either way he is to travel on ATR so he has to follow convoy system of vehicles absolutely. As a result he is held up if his movements from Headquarters or on his way back to headquarters do not conform/suit to the times/schedules of the convoy system. The following are the existing schedule of the convoy system in force as per the Admn's circular vide No.1-836/2004-TW/429 dated 13.9.2011 (copy placed at page 2.10 for reference).

	From Jirkatang	From Middle Strait
First convoy	0600 hrs	0630 hrs
Second convoy	0900 hrs	0930 hrs
Third convoy	1200 hrs	1230 hrs
Fourth convoy	1430 hrs	1500 hrs

3 At present none is formally exempt from the convoy system. The convoy system is operational of the stretches of the ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve are in South & Middle North Andaman under proper police escort in order to avoid interaction of the non-tribals particularly the tourists with the Jarawas. The DC being head of the District Administration and in the exigencies of administrative works could be considered for exemption from the convoy systems on ATR in the Jarawa reserve. Similarly, a few Officers of Police Deptt. Viz SPs of both South Andaman and Middle & North Districts and Officers/functionaries of the Tribal Welfare Deptt viz. Secretary (TW), Director (TW), AC (TW) and ES, AAJVS including field staffs posted in the Jarawa area could also be considered for exemption in order to enable them to visit the different locations of Jarawa concentration on ATR to