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Middle Strait should be briefed to check ambulance whether any patient is being taken or otherwise. Plying of empty ambulance after convoy timing should be avoided and if there is a need, proper checking should be done and driver should be briefed.

Shri M K Polit pointed out that forest officials are not allowed to enter/patrol in Jarawa Reserve area i.e Jirkatang to Middle Strait. He also pointed that the staff of APWD and contract laborers working in between Jirkatang and M/ Strait are trapping the wild animals. SP South Andaman was directed to brief the staff of Jirkatang as well as Middle Strait to prevent any such activities and take appropriate legal action.

Shri Yesu Ratanam, ACF (Territorial) raised the issue of demarcation of boundary in the Jarawa area from Jhinga Nallha to Jirkatang. The representative of Tribal welfare was told to look into the matter as it is beyond the responsibility given to the undersigned.

Dr. A. Justin, Superintendent Anthropological Survey of India pointed out that some of the staff of AAJVs and labours working in the area are indulging in bartering system with the Jarawas. He also informed that at times, Jarawas themselves offer certain items to the nearby villagers in exchange of money/food. He stressed upon the joint patrolling by staff of AAJVS, Forest and Police in these areas. SP South Andaman was directed to keep a watch in the area and take appropriate action if, any such incident comes to notice.

It was informed to all participants that sign boards mentioning 'DOs and DON'Ts to be followed by the tourists and passengers travelling on the ATR have been displayed at Jirkatang and Middle Strait. Convoy system as per the timing notified by Administration is being strictly implemented.

All were requested to bring to the notice of undersigned any important development on the ATR passing through Jarawa Reserve area so that timely action can be initiated.

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