President Pradesh Congress representation has stated that many times the passengers travelling State and private buses from North Andaman to Port Blair are stranded at Baratang due to break down of the buses. Such break down needs much time to get repaired due to which, the passengers get stranded at Baratang and cannot reach Port Blair well in time. Such incidents occur occasionally. He has requested for an extra convoy from Middle Strait to Port Blair on the day of occurrence of the breakdown of buses carrying general public.

The minutes of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands recorded on the body of the representation is reproduced below:

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"This can be done with police representative accompanying them."

Sd/-(H'ble LG) 25.6.2013

It is mentioned that 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.

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First convoy Second convoy Third convoy Fourth convoy	From Jirkatang 0600 hrs 0900 hrs 1200 hrs 1430 hrs	From Middle Strait 0630 hrs 0930 hrs 1230 hrs 1500 hrs
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In this context, it is submitted that the existing convoy system on ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve made operational vide Administration's circular dated 13.9.2011 in order to regulate vehicular traffic on ATR to avoid interaction of the tourists with the Jarawas is a part of ruling of the Hon'ble Supreme Court given in the SLP No. 12125 of 2010 in the matter of Buffer Zone on 5.3.2013.

- The suggestion made by Dr. Pandaya vide PUC (a) proposing the tourist to take the earliest convoy ie. 0600 hrs and return in the convoy that leaves at ie. 1230 hrs is submitted for the consideration please.
- The request made by the President Pradesh Congress Committee vide PUC -II is not suitable in view of the judgement order dated 5.3.2013 made by the Hon'ble (b) Supreme Court in the SLP No. 12125 of 2010 in the matter of Buffer Zone.

Submitted please.

Assistant Commissioner (TW)