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The Supreme Court of India vide its Interim Order dated 21.1.2013 in the SLP No. 12125 of 2010 M/s Barefoot Inns & Leisures Pvt. Ltd. -vs- Union of India & Others banned all tourist and private vehicles from using ATR which passes through the Jarawa Reserve Area to visit Lime Stone Cave. However, use of road is allowed for residents living to the north of the island and for transporting essential commodities and other items for the tribes.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has fixed 26.2.2013 as next date of hearing and directed this Administration to file an affidavit giving details of the inhabitants and settlements in these areas that have been enumerated in the schedule to the notification dated 17.1.2013. The Order of the Supreme Court has to be implemented forthwith by issuing standing instructions to various authorities such as Police, Transport, AAJVS to stop movement of tourist and private vehicles on the ATR passing through Jarawa reserve area and to regulate the movements from Police Check Post established at Jirkatang No-2, Middle Strait, Kadamtala Outpost No. 3 and at Prolobjig-15. In order to enforce the Supreme Court's interim order the following suggestions are proposed to regulate the traffic movement:-

(a) No tourist vehicles carrying tourists and private vehicles carrying private individuals shall be allowed to ply through the stretches of ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve area in South and North & Middle Andaman. However, vehicle used by the Police and AAJVS on duty for patrolling on the ATR shall be exempted.

(b) The residents of North and Middle Andaman intending to travel by STS or private buses on ATR from either side between Jirkatang-Middle Strait & Kadamtala JPP Out Post-Prolobjig-15 have to produce their Identity Cards for issuance of tickets at the Ticket Counters or to the Transport official in the Bus. The suggested documents include Islanders Identity Card, Local Certificate, Driving License, PAN Card, Bank Pass Book, Electoral Photo Identity Card, AADHAR Card etc. These documents can be accepted since the documents are having photos of the possessor. The Transport Authorities and Private Bus owners shall not issue any tickets without verifying the above documents.

(c) In case of visit of relatives of the residents of North and Middle Andaman the visitor has to provide the details viz. name,