

VISIT TO JPP JIRKATANG ON 05/02/2013

The undersigned alongwith Shri Satish Golchha, IPS, IGP (L&O) made a surprise visit to JPP Jirkatang on 05/02/2013. On the way, it is found that police picket has been deployed at Jodakalan for checking of vehicles. Another picket was deployed at Dhanikhari Junction. It is observed that these pickets were initially deployed for preliminary screening of vehicles and informing the persons travelling on ATR from Jirkatang to Baratang about Hon'ble Supreme Court order so that at the time of checking at JPP Jirkatang, the tourists are not inconvenienced in to returning from long distance back to Port Blair. Since the direction of the Hon'ble Court has already been given wide publicity through print and electronic media and the tourist traffic on this route has almost stopped, there is no need for deployment of two pickets. Hence only the picket at Dhanikhari Junction shall continue but the staff at this picket should be deployed in two shifts keeping in view the long hours of duty (0500 hrs to 1500 hrs). Their duty is to do the preliminary checking and to inform the passengers that no tourist will be allowed to use ATR passing through Jarawa Reserve Area for which detailed checking will be conducted at JPP Jirkatang. Some arrangements need to be made for providing shade to the staff on duty or the location of the picket may be changed. SP (D) S/A is to take appropriate action in this regard. The continuance of this picket will be reviewed after sometime.

At the JPP Jirkatang, printed registers are being used to keep record of vehicles and persons using ATR. 4 CCTV cameras have been installed and found functioning properly. RT/109 Abdul Rasheed, present at the JPP, was asked to take back-up of CCTV camera recording daily and send one copy each to SP(D)S/A and ATR Cell, PHQ. Two informatory sign boards have been displayed. GD entries are being made in respect of passengers/ vehicles being refused to travel on the ATR. I/C JPP Jirkatang was told to send copy of GD entries on daily basis to SP(D)S/A and ATR Cell, PHQ. Inspector SP Pandey detailed for supervising the arrangement at JPP Jirkatang was present.

During interaction with I/C JPP and staff, it was stated that there are number of buses in the first convoy. Therefore it takes time to note down details of each and every passenger and to check their Identity cards. It was suggested that matter may be taken up with the Director of Transport to direct the STS/Private buses to