

livelihood should however remain unaffected. A statement showing the list of 34 revenue settlement villages and the present economic and historical background of the settlers living therein has been annexed.

19. That the A&N Administration simultaneously through appropriate administrative measures has put in place mechanism to monitor/regulate activities in the settlement villages now excluded from the Buffer Zone to ensure that the safety, security and interest of Jarawa tribes are protected. The Administration by its revised Buffer Zone notification has addressed not only the issue of protection of Jarawas but also the livelihood concerns of the settler population. The field level functionaries like Tribal Welfare Officers and Janjati Sevaks of AAJVS have been deployed at different contact points to safeguard the interest of the Jarawa and ensure that they are not exploited in any manner. Besides the field staff of AAJVS alongwith the Jarawa Protection Police, Forest officials carry out joint patrolling in the Jarawa Reserve area to prevent their exploitation by any one, which has proved effective.

21. That it is submitted that the orders passed by this Hon'ble Court on 21.01.2013 is being implemented and standing instructions to various authorities to stop movement of tourists on the ATR passing through Jarawa reserve area and to regulate the movements from Police Check Post established at Jirkatang No-2 to Middle Strait. No vehicles carrying tourists are 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 Government Departments on govt duty are exempted. Also public goods carriers and other public service providers are exempted. 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 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 any of the following namely - Islanders Identity Card, Local Certificate, Driving License, PAN Card, Bank Pass Book, Electoral Photo Identity Card, AADHAR Card etc. of A&N Islands. The Transport Authorities and Private Bus owners shall not issue any tickets without verifying the above documents. In case of visit of relatives and friends of the residents of North and Middle Andaman the visitor has to provide declaration form with the details viz., name, address, with phone number of the visiting relative and their own details for the purchase of tickets in case of traveling by buses. The private bus owners shall follow the same procedure and keep records of all these forms for future reference. Passengers are advised to carry with them the required identity document which was shown at the time of purchase of tickets. The various orders/instructions, press releases issued by the Administration are annexed wherewith and marked Annexure P/3 (Colly) to this affidavit."

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We have gone through the latest affidavit of Shri Kuldip Singh Thakur and the accompanying documents and are satisfied that the order passed by the learned Single Judge and the Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court, which became subject matter of challenge in the special leave petition, have become ineffective.