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Port Blair, dt. 30/05/14

To

The Director (Tribal Welfare)
Andaman & Nicobar Administration
Port Blair.

Sub :- Disruption in the Convoy system from Middle Strait to Jirkatang - Reg.

Sir,

This has reference to letter No. SP (D)/N & MA/105/2014/632 dt. 22nd May 2014 received from the Superintendent of Police, N & M Andaman District, addressed to Secretary (TW) regarding subject matter cited above and discussion in the office of Secretary (TW).

The request to increase the number of vehicle ferry vessels in the ATR creek by the Superintendent of Police in the letter ibid is not feasible at present due to shortage of vehicle ferries, and also the jetty infrastructure available at Middle strait- Neelambur (Baratang) and at Gandhighat - Uttara (Kadamatala) is inadequate to cater for more than one vehicle ferry at one time. Further, the above creeks at ATR are not provided with any navigation Aids and with the prevailing heavy currents in creek, plying of more number of vehicle ferries in the restricted navigational route may pose serious threat to the safety of the vessel and passengers.

It may kindly be appreciated that despite various odds and constraint this Directorate is making all efforts to operate two vessels continuously in the above creeks so that the passenger and vehicular traffic can be cleared as per the timing of convoy. Since technical snags on board these vessels can occur due to their continues operations, which may lead to delays in transfer across the creeks, the convey timings as suggested by Superintendent of Police may be adjusted if deemed necessary.

Yours faithfully

Deputy Director (SS)

Copy to :-

1. PS to Secretary (Shipping), A & N Administration for information of Secretary (Shipping).
2. The PA to DSS for information of DSS.
3. The Superintendent of Police, N & M Andaman District Mayabunder with reference to his letter No. SP (D)/N & MA/105/2014/632 dt. 22nd May 2014.

Deputy Director (SS)