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favour of case being filed on the grounds against the administration and politicians who have willfully ignored the Supreme Courts orders.

Given all these development I think the administration should seriously re-consider holding the proposed international seminar/workshop in the first week of December 2014. I am afraid we will have a tough time telling the world all that we have done for the "future" of the PVTGs given the recent situation of ATR expansion and the contradictory directions in our policies.

I am aware of the argument made in favor of the majority of tax paying settlers and revenue generating tourism industry that far outweighs the case of 422 Jarawas. On a constructive side, one could continue the ATR development but exclude the broadening of the road from Choudhary Ghumayee to Middle Strait. The bridges may be constructed in the pre stipulated time frame with limited clearance of labor force. The convoy timing should not be altered at any cost. This would ensure the undisturbed use of the reserve territory by the Jarawas.

If the ATR has to be expanded and developed, despite our reservations against it, the administration must recruit and train more AAJVS staff, particularly within Jarawa Reserve as new pressures and problems would start emerging. Much of the situation that would unfold by the ATR's development as it plays out on the ground would require a shift of focus along the eastern coast side of the Jarawa Reserve. In the report submitted in 2012 on Jarawa Movement, (in consultation with the Jarawas) it was proposed that the AAJVS should have its sturdy boat plying down (north /South) along the coastline and moving inwards using the various waterways that connect into the Middle Strait. This investment of two to three middle and small size boats would serve three main purposes'. Jarawas could be moved along the coast all the way up to Lewis Inlet without them appearing on the road or traversing through settlements. Traditionally and historically Jarawas always moved along the coast and then cut through into the forest along the various "nallas". AAJVS presence and Jarawas using the coastline will also be a deterrent to poachers along the coastline and illegal activities by non-tribal could be further controlled.