

complete the project in time-bound manner ~~before March, 2015~~. Thus the allegation of stalling the project is uncalled for.

It needs to be recalled and emphasized here that the alternate sea-route to Baratang has been planned with the sole objective of only lessening or eliminating tourists traffic on ATR for protection of the Jarawa tribe in terms of the Jarawa Policy, 2004 while ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve is to remain open to transport materials required for livelihood of the settler's population living in North and Middle Andaman, medical emergencies etc.

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