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Tribes) Regulation, 1956 and taking into consideration the recommendations of Andaman Adim Janjat Vikas Samiti to increase the resource base of Jarawas, the Lt Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands notified the Jarawa Reserve Area in the specified areas in South and Middle Andaman District vide Notification No 165 dated 15.09.2004 published in Andaman and Nicobar Gazette, Extraordinary (Annexure P/2 at Pg 197 of the SLP Paper book). That the Jarawa Reserve area is covering an extent of 1028 Sq.km. That it is clarified that there is no one residing within Reserve Notified Area. In fact no one is permitted to reside in the Reserved Area other than the Jarawa Tribe. There are no settlement villages in Reserve Notified Area.

5. That simultaneously, the Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands was notified on 21st December, 2004, vide Andaman and Nicobar Gazette Notification No. 210 dated 21.12.2004 (Annexure P/4 at Pg 118-132 of the SLP Paper book) and the same is being implemented strictly to ensure protection and welfare of Jarawas. Based on this policy, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has taken interalia the following measures for protection and welfare of the Jarawas:-

i) Exclusive Medical Wards in primary Health Centers, located near the Jarawa Reserve at Tushnabad in South Andaman and Kadamtala in Middle Andaman alongwith one at GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair have been set up for treatment of Jarawas. Such wards are also declared as Tribal Reserve, to prevent non tribals from interacting with them vide A&N Gazette Notification No. 113/2004/F.No.1-752/2002-TW (PF) dated 8.6.2004.

ii) In order to provide the resource base of Jarawas, the Jarawa reserve area has been increased from 847 sq.km to 1028 sq.km in the year 2004 vide A&N Gazette Notification No. 159/200 4/F.No. 1-752/2002-TW (PF) dated 15.9.2004. Further along the western coast, towards seaward side, upto 1km radius, reserve area has been notified vide A&N Extra Ordinary Gazette Notification No.16 dated 17.1.2013, considering the fact that Jarawas do shallow fishing for their consumption.

iii) The Jarawa Tribal Reserve has been demarcated taking into account natural features like hill ranges, peaks, creeks etc and boards have been erected to educate the non tribals and to prevent them from interacting into the reserve.

iv) The Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) belt has been decreased from 200 meters on either side of the road to only 30 meters from the central line of the road on either side vide A&N Gazette Notification No. 159/2004/F.No. 1-752/2002-TW(PF) dated 15.9.2004.

v) That enforcement measures have been intensified by the Police and Forest to protect the jarawa resource based in the Forest and coastal water.

vi) That sites of Police, Forest and PWD camps were reviewed and camps in the Jarawa reserve have been closed and shifted