

Nicobar Administration issued notification on 30.10.2007 (Annexure P/5 at Pg 133-134 of SLP Paper book) declaring a Buffer Zone under the provisions of A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 (herein after referred as PAT Regulation) to protect the tribes and their natural resources from exploitation by outsiders. 5 kms band around the Jarawa reserve was carved out and notified as Buffer Zone.

10. 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. The Buffer Zone area is about 843 Sq. Km within which there are 34 Revenue Settlement villages with a population of 22,000. 4 Nos. of Jetties are located within the Buffer Zone at Middle Strait, Nilambur, Gandhighat and Uttara Jetty. However,