

Recently, a reassessment report on alternate sea route prepared by this Admn. has been forward to the Ministry of Shipping by MHA with go ahead clearance to facilitate approval of the Project. This Admn. is regularly pursuing the proposal with the Ministry of Shipping to expedite approval (P-158/C ) as the Admn. had given a commitment to Hon'ble Apex Court to complete the project in time-bound manner before March, 2015. Thus the allegation of stalling the project is uncalled for.

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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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We may issue a rejoinder to the news item in the above lines as directed by the Hon'ble LG, A & N Islands, if approved, DFA pls.

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Director (TW)

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Secy (TW)

(147) Honorary Director, ANOM has vide his e-mail dt 24.7.14 sent his comments in response to the widening of ATR wherein he has cited certain precautions. He has proposed to A Res submit the draft rejoinder *[Signature]*  
28.7.14

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- As directed by Secy (TW) vide his minutes at para 147 N, the precautionary measures/safeguards mentioned in the Honorary Director's A N T R I - e. mail dated

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