

IMPLEMENTATION OF JARAWA POLICY - REGULATION OF TRAFFIC ON ATR

- 1) In pursuance of the order dated 9.4.2001 of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta in WP No. 048 of 1999 Ms Shyamali Ganguli v/s Union of India and others., the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India in consultation with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Andaman and Nicobar Administration finalized a policy on Jarawa tribe of Andaman Islands vide Andaman and Nicobar Gazette Notification No. 210 dated 21.12.2004.
- 2) Regulation of traffic on Andaman Truck Road is one of the main objective of the Jarawa Policy, 2004, which provides : -
 - (a) *Traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be regulated strictly limiting the traffic to the essential purposes of public transport, supplies and emergency evacuation of patients and to ensure that it is an innocent and harmless passage and not a source of trouble to Jarawas.*
 - (b) *Vehicles on Andaman Trunk Road will be allowed to move only in restricted hours and in convoy under notified speed limit to avert possible road accidents and to avoid any sort of interaction of travelers with Jarawas.*
 - (c) *Facilities for travel by boat/ship will be strengthened and transportation/travel by sea will be encouraged.*
 - (d) *Maintenance of the Andaman Trunk Road will be carried out by a mobile maintenance team bringing men, machine and materials from Ferrargunj/ Jirkatang and carry out the job only during day time.*
 - (e) *The tourist traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be strictly monitored to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawas and the Tourist*
- 3) In order to avoid misuse of ATR and Jarawa territory, the convoy system was introduced initially with 08 convoys in the year 2004. The same was reduced to 04 in the year 2011. Copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 6.9.2011 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A&N Administration to reduce the convoy from 8 to 4 is enclosed.
- 4) Presently only 4 (four) convoys on either side of the segment of ATR passing through Jarawa Reserve are permitted in a day and are being strictly regulated under the overall supervision