

Ref. Notes in paras 1-4/N of the Law Department of the Secretariat.

This is regarding relaxation of convoy system of vehicular traffic operating particularly on the stretch of ATR which cuts across the Jarawa reserve area between Jirkatang and Middle Strait for the ~~Hon'ble Judges of~~ Hon'ble Judges of High Court in order to discharge their administrative functions under Article 235 of the Constitution of India. The Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Calcutta are often required to pay surprise administrative visit to various subordinate courts at short notice as mentioned in the Registrar's letter dated 11.7.2014. The issue is discussed as under:-

The vehicular traffic on the stretch of Andaman Truck Road (ATR) passing through the Jarawa reserve between Jirkatang and Middle Strait is being regulated by implementing convoy system. Initially, 8 convoys were introduced daily and made operational on ATR to regulate the traffic in terms of the Jarawa Policy, 2004 notified in pursuance of the order dated 9.4.2001 of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta passed in WP No. 048 of 1999, but subsequently in pursuance of a recommendation of Group of Experts constituted by this Admn in connection with review of the Jarawa Policy and accepted by the Sub-committee ^{of Experts} constituted by the GoI under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the number of convoy was reduced to four instead of eight between 0600 hrs to 1500 hrs daily vide Admn.'s Circular No.1-836/2004-TW/421 dated 13.9.2011 so as to prevent interaction of the non-tribals including tourists with the Jarawas. In this regard the Hon'ble Supreme Court has also directed to strictly implement the present convoy system vide their order dated 5.3.2013 in SLP No. 12125 of 2010. So any change in the existing convoy system will need the approval of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. A copy of the Apex Court order along with copy of the Administration's Circular dated 13.9.2011 is placed alongside for reference.

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