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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT SECRETARIAT UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF SECRETARY, A&N ADMINISTRATION ON
26.08.2011 REGARDING THE RE-SCHEDULING OF CONVOY TIMINGS**

The list of the Officers attended in the meeting is Annexed-A

Shri Ajai Saxena, Principal Secretary (TW), A&N Administration informed about the Supreme Court's direction dated 01.08.2011 on the Buffer Zone.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration discussed about re-scheduling of the convoy timing, waiving of the transit permit being collected by Police Department at Jirkatang and at Middle Strait and return of the vehicle on the same day. The following decision was taken:-

- i. It was decided that the permit to enter from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and vice-versa at ATR shall be restricted in 4 convoys instead of present 8 convoys to and fro between Jirkatang and Middle Strait per day.
- ii. The Police Department shall provide escort on each convey at the front, back and middle.
- iii. Commuters traveling the ATR shall be allowed to return back to Port Blair or to other side on the same day.
- iv. Permit fees presently being charged by the Police Department for providing escort shall be dispensed with.
- v. Strict action against any vehicle violating the rules of the convoy movement will be taken, which for serious cases may be dealt by impounding of the vehicle under appropriate law/regulation.
- vi. A 15 days advance notice shall be given before implementing the revised convoy schedule.

The following convoy timing is proposed.

	<u>From Jirkatang</u>	<u>From Middle Strait</u>
First convoy	0600 hrs	0630 hrs
Second convoy	0900 hrs	0930 hrs
Third convoy	1200 hrs	1230 hrs
Fourth convoy	1430 hrs	1500 hrs

The Transport Department shall schedule the timing of the Transport buses accordingly.

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Director(TW)