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any vehicle while crossing Jarawa Reserve area in the convoy system.

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The matter was taken up with the Chief Secretary and the clarification/direction on the specific issues raised by them where issued as under: -

1.	In case of transportation of dead bodies, there is no special concession for transportation like medical emergency.	As per Order No. 267 dated 14.7.2016 (Page 213/c) permission to transport dead body in Hearse/ Mortuary Van/ Private vehicle under proper police escort by the close relative/ kith & kin of the deceased has been granted.
2.	There is also no standing instruction issued in the convoy system order, which provides exemption to ambulance carrying serious referral patients to GB Pant Hospitals from North & Middle Andaman District. The Police Department is following the same based on the comprehensive note circulated by this Directorate vide letter No.1-836/2012-TW/1017 dated 05.11.2013.	Allowed movement of Ambulance carrying serious referral patients to GB Pant Hospital under police escort as exception, as a special case, vide Circular No. 1-836/2012- TW/501 dated 1.6.2016 (Page 212/c)
3.	There is also no instruction available in the convoy system order issued by the Administration on time to time basis, which provides any action, in the event of breakdown of any vehicle while crossing Jarawa Reserve area on the convoy system	Allowed rescue/ recovery of vehicle in the event of its breakdown within Jarawa Reserve under proper police escort without convoy as exception, as a special case, vide Circular No. 1-836/ 2012- TW/501 dated 1.6.2016 (Page 212/c)

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It may therefore be seen from the table above that only one vehicle has been allowed at a time for carrying the dead body with close relative/ kith and kin of the deceased vide Order No. 267 dated 14.7.2016 (Page 213/c) as circulated to all enforcement agencies, the grievance raised by the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Sundergarh, Baratang stands redressed.

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In regard to the request dated 11.9.2016 (Page 235-237/c) made by the Mondal President, Bharatiya Janta Party, Baratang for allowing the blood relations who are serving in different departments/ private sector at North & Middle Andaman and South Andaman post convoy i.e. the last convoy (3:30 PM from Jirkatang and 3:00 PM from Middle Strait) to attend the last rites, it may be mentioned that the issues were discussed in details and it was not considered as it was difficult for the Administration to determine the genuineness of the blood relation and the likelihood of the misuse of travelling through ATR post convoy timing under the garb of blood relation. Therefore, permission in exigency and in rare cases are being granted in such cases with proper escort as the matter of exception and not as a rule, in faithful compliance of the commitment made in the SLP No. 12125/2010.

Submitted for kind perusal of Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N islands

Secretary (TW)

Director