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This is regarding resolving the following issues discussed in the meeting held on 9.5.2016 (PUC, Page 199-200/c) under the chairmanship of the Inspector General of Police/ Nodal Officer (ATR) regarding implementation of convoy system on ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve to regulate vehicular traffic on ATR to avoid interaction of the outsiders with the Jarawa.

- 1) Total 18 Nos. Dead Bodies were allowed to cross Jarawa reserve area from JPP J/Tang w.e.f. 1.1.2016
- 2) Letter No. DGP/ATR/Cell/2016/11 dated 05.05.2016 (Page 201/c) regarding seeking clarification to allow tow vehicles to brought breakdown vehicle form Jarawa Reserved Area without convoy.
- 3) Letter No. DGP/ATR/Cell/2016/06 dated 12.4.2016 (Page 202/c) regarding seeking clarification to allow corpse (dead body) to cross Jarawa reserved Area without convoy
- 4) Stealing of house hold articles by Jarawa tribe - A note along with statement of villagers received from SHO PS Orgrabraj vide RD No. 2145 dated 06.8.2013 stating therein that on 5.8.2013 a report has been received at OP Tirrur that in the intervening night of 04.08.2013 some unknown Jarawas committed theft from the house shop.

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The issues mentioned in Sl Nos. 1 to 3 are related to ATR convoy system. With regard to Sl. No. 4, the mater is pertains to ES, AAJVS. Hence, it is proposed that we may request the ES, AAJVS to examine the case.

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It is submitted that pursuant to the meeting held on 26.8.2014 (Minutes of the meeting placed at Page 203/c) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, the existing convoy system as per circular dated 7.5.2009 was revisited vide Circular dated 13.9.2011 (Page 2/c) by restricting the number of convoys from eight to four. In the said meeting, following decisions were taken: -

- 1) The permits 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
- 2) The Police Department shall provide escort on each convoy at the front, back and middle
- 3) Commuters travelling the ATR shall be allowed to return back to Port Blair or to other side on the same day
- 4) Permit fees presently being charged by the Police Department for providing escort on shall be dispensed with
- 5) 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.

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In the meantime, the Assistant Secretary (GA), A&N Administration had issued an order No. 207 dated 18.1.2012 (Page 3/c) stating that all Govt vehicles proceedings to North & Middle Andaman to Port Blair and vice versa will follow regular convoy. Under no circumstances will the govt vehicles be allowed to proceed outside of convoy timings. The said Admn's Order dated 18.1.2012 was partially modified vide Order No. 432 dated 4.10.2012 (Page 10/c), in which the Dy Commissioner (N&M Andaman District) was permitted to use his official vehicle outside convoy timings while crossing the tribal reserve area on emergency like law & order situation and natural calamities etc. However, later on 14.3.2013 (Page 58/c), again an advisory on usage of convoy by the DC (N&M District) was issued, in which it was categorically stated that *"there should not be any dilution of convoy system on ATR. As far as Dy Commissioner, North and Middle Andaman is concerned he was allowed access of ATR beyond convoy times only for emergency situation like law & order, natural calamities. Therefore, the Dy Commissioner, North &*