

PRESS RELEASE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the Administration would operationalize Alternate Sea Route from Port Blair to Baratang by introducing the first sailing w.e.f. 1st October, 2017, as part of the implementation of the Jarawa Policy of 2004 and compliance of the commitment given by this Administration to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP No. 12125/2010.

It is clarified that the portion of ATR passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve in South Andaman District from Jirkatang to Middle Strait shall remain open for the use of both islanders and the tourists as no decision has been taken by this Administration for closing it down for the tourists. However, the tourists are advised to avail boat service being provided by the Directorate of Shipping Service, Port Blair for their visit to Baratang for safety and security of the Jarawa tribe.

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Secretary (Tribal Welfare)

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DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

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