

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

जनजाति कल्याण निदेशालय

DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

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Port Blair dated the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

CIRCULAR

Pursuant to the directions contained in its order dated 05.03.2013 of the Apex Court in SLP No.12125 of 2010 and the provisions made in the Andaman and Nicobar (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulations, 1956 (as amended), the Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands 2004, the Addendum to the Jarawa Policy of 2016, the vehicular traffic in the portion of Andaman Trunk Road passing through the Jarawa Tribal Reserve between Jirkatang-II to Middle Strait in South Andaman Island is regulated by the Administration through convoy system for protection of the aboriginal Jarawa tribe inhabiting these Islands.

The Administration, considering the difficulties being faced by the inhabitants using the Andaman Trunk Road including the suggestions received from various Departments, had made certain modifications in the previous orders without bringing about any change in the basic convoy system vide Circulars/ Orders/ Memorandum/ Addenda issued from time to time.

However, in order to consolidate Circulars/ Orders/ Memoranda/ Addenda issued from time to time, the Competent Authority in the Administration has now decided to issue a comprehensive circular for regulating the traffic on ATR passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve in supersession of all such instructions issued in the past, as under: -

1. The vehicular traffic of LMVs and HMTVs (both Govt. & Private) shall only be allowed in a convoy system with police escort on ATR passing through the Jarawa Tribal Reserve in South Andaman and Middle Andaman.
2. There shall be four such convoys on portion of ATR between Jirkatang to Middle Strait and vice versa with police escort as per the following timings:-

Convoy	Ex-Jirkatang -II	Ex-Middle Strait
First	0600 Hours	0630 Hours
Second	0900 Hours	0930 Hours
Third	1200 Hours	1230 Hours
Fourth	1430 Hours	1500 Hours

The two-wheelers and three-wheelers shall not be permitted to move on portions of ATR passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve for ensuring protection of the Jarawas. Only light vehicles, trucks and busses shall be permitted.

The convoy passing through the Jarawa Tribal Reserve shall maintain a Speed limit of 40 KM per hour ensuring that the vehicles do not stop and overtake during the entire stretch of journey within the Reserve.

The movement of Ambulance carrying serious referral patients to GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair and its return after dropping the patient(s) shall be allowed beyond convoy timings after making entry at the Police Check Gates each time at the respective entry points under proper police escort.