

possible road accidents and to avoid any sort of interaction of travelers with Jarawas.

- (c) Facilities for travel by boat/ ship will be strengthened and transportation/ travel by sea will be encouraged.
- (d) Maintenance of the Andaman Trunk Road will be carried out by a mobile maintenance team bringing men, machine and materials from Ferrargunj/ Jirkatang and carry out the job only during day time.
- (e) The tourist traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be strictly monitored to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawas and the tourists.

The movement of vehicles in the ATR is being regulated by a convoy system under the direct supervision of a Senior Police Officer, presently in the rank of Inspector General. Only 4 (four) convoys on either side of the segment of ATR passing through Jarawa Reserve are permitted in a day. The convoy timing is maintained very strictly without any deviation or any consideration to anyone. The Administration has also brought stringent penal provisions in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, by way of amendment, w.e.f. 9th July, 2012 against the violations in the tribal reserve area.

The existing convoy system on ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve to regulate vehicular traffic on ATR to avoid interaction of the outsiders with the Jarawa was a part of the submission before the Hon'ble Supreme Court by the Administration in SLP (C) 12125/2010. The three Judges Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court vide their judgment dated 5.3.2013 **expressed satisfaction on the submission made** and issued directions for strict implementation of Protection of Aboriginal Tribes (PAT) Amendment Regulation, 2012 and also orders issued there under.

The issues raised by the Police Department is considered to be genuine and required immediate attention, as any violation on ATR may create an adverse impact and may lead to closure of ATR as this Administration has made a commitment to this effect in an affidavit filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP No. 12125 of 2010 as well as in WP (C) 202/1995.

In view of the above, it is proposed that we may take following actions to resolve the issues raised by the Police Department

S. No.	Issues	Proposed action for kind consideration
1	In case of transportation of dead bodies, there is no special concession for transportation like medical emergency.	At present, there is no need for any special concession required for transportation of dead bodies.
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 5.11.2013	Exemption to Ambulance carrying serious referral patients to GB Pant Hospitals from North & Middle Andaman District is required to be considered on humanitarian ground. Hence, it is proposed that we may incorporate the clause for Exemption to Ambulance carrying serious referral patients to GB Pant Hospitals from North & Middle