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PUC is a letter dated 12.12.2016 is received from Superintendent of Police (HQ), A&N Police, wherein, the copy of letter dated 5.12.2016 of Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Rangat has been forwarded and stated to be self explanatory. The Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Rangat in its letter dated 5.12.2016 has requested the Superintendent of Police (HQ), A&N Police to arrange a special convoy from Middle Strait for Dr (Mrs) Satbir Bedi, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource, Department of School Education and Literacy, Govt of India to visit Middle Andaman.

In this connection, it is submitted that there is no provision exist in the policy for any special convoy. The convoy system on ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve to regulate vehicular traffic on ATR to avoid interaction of the outsiders with the Jarawa is being regulated under Jarawa Policy of 2004. The convoy timing is maintained very strictly without any deviation or any consideration to anyone, the only exception given to Ambulance carrying serious referral patients to GB Pant Hospital/ Dead Body/ breakdown of vehicle in the JTR.

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. 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. The IA filed in WP (C) 202/1995 before Hon'ble Supreme Court seeking review of the Court's view on ATR is still pending and therefore the matter is sub-judice. Any violation of the regulatory order issued by the Administration and duly upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court will have serious repercussions.

In the light of above facts, it is proposed that we may inform the Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Rangat that the request for arranging any special convoy in the JTR in favour of Dr (Mrs) Satbir Bedi, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource, Department of School Education and Literacy, Govt of India cannot be considered in accordance with the provisions contained in the Jarawa Policy 2004 and Apex Court judgment dated 5.3.2016.

Kind approval of the Secretary (TW) is solicited.

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