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In response to the queries made by the Chief Secretary at Para 248/n, it may be mentioned that On the direction issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta in a PIL (WP No.048 of 1999), the Central Government had notified Jarawa Policy which was notified in the Andaman & Nicobar Gazette vide Notification No.210 dated 21.12.2004 for the welfare of the tribe. The Jarawa Policy provides that:-

1. Traffic on ATR shall be regulated strictly limiting the traffic to the essential purposes of public transport, supplies and emergency evacuation of patients and to ensure that it is an innocent and harmless passage and not a source of trouble to Jarawas.
2. Vehicles on ATR shall be allowed to move only in restricted hours and in convoy under notified speed limit to avert possible road accidents and to avoid any sort of interaction travelers with the Jarawas.
3. Facilities for travel by boat/ship shall be strengthened and transportation/travel by sea shall be encouraged.
4. Maintenance of the ATR shall 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.
5. The tourist traffic on ATR shall be strictly monitored to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawas and the tourists.

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The vehicular movement through the segment of ATR passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve, used by 1.5 lakh settlers of North and Middle Andaman Islands besides others including the eco-tourists, is regulated under convoy system under the direct supervision of a senior police officer presently in the rank of the Inspector General of Police.

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It may also be pointed out that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India during the hearings in SLP No. 12125/2010 on 21.01.2013 had directed that "The *Ld. Additional Solicitor General* should instruct the *Officer-in charge* of the case to file an additional