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It is regarding revision of Convoy System in the best interest of Jarawa tribe.

- 1) The vehicular traffic on the stretch of Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) passing through the Jarawa reserve between Jirkatang and Middle Strait is being regulated by implementing convoy system.
- 2) Initially 08 convoys were introduced daily and made operation on ATR to regulate the traffic in terms of the Jarawa Policy, 2004 notified in pursuance of the order dated 9.4.2001 of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta passed in WP No. 048 of 1999, but subsequently in pursuance of a recommendation of Group of Experts constituted by this Administration in connection with review of the Jarawa Policy and accepted by the Sub-Committee of experts by the GoI under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to the Govt of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the number of convoy was reduced to 04 instead of 08 between 0600 Hrs to 1500Hrs daily vide Circular dated 13.9.2011 so as to prevent interaction of the non-tribals including tourists with the Jarawas
- 3) The Administration has also brought stringent penal provisions in the A&N Islands (PAT) Regulation, by way of amendment, w.e.f. 9.7.2012 against the violations in the tribal reserve area
- 4) 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 outsiders part of the submission made before the Apex 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.
- 5) During 2017, the Administration without bringing any change in the convoy timing had revised the convoy system by brining the following exemptions in the larger public interest vide circular dated 7.4.2017: -
 - i) The Dy Commissioner, North and Middle Andaman has been allowed access of ATR beyond convoy timing only on emergency situation like law & order, natural calamities, which should be logged each time at the entry points.
 - ii) Movement of Ambulance carrying serious referral patients to GB Pant Hospital under police escort and also the rescue/ recovery of vehicle in the event of its breakdown within Jarawa Reserve without convoy as exception, were allowed, as a special case
 - iii) The dead body shall be transported in Hearse/Mortuary Van/ Private vehicle under proper police escort by the close relative/kith & kin of the deceased
 - iv) Only one such vehicle shall be allowed at a time for carrying the dead body with closed relative/ kith & kin of the deceased and the Andaman and Nicobar Police shall keep of number of such cases allowed every month.
- 6) The Director (TW), A&N Administration had undertaken a field visit to Jarawa Tribal Reserve of Jirkatang to Kadamtala on 28th and 29th March, 2018. **(Copy of his tour report is placed alongside at Flag-X)** He reported that the western side of the NH-04 is safer and conducive for Jarawa tribes for their survival, whereas, the Jarawa are more attracted towards the Eastern side of the NH-04 going down upto the entire East coast of the forest from Middle Strait to Kid Island. He observed that this fascination towards eastern side appears to be mainly due to illegal barter