

system developed by and between poachers through Eastern coast and Jarawas. He also reported that the Jarawas have picked up all vices like tobacco chewing, alcoholism, consumption of some NDPS items.

- 7) As a remedial mechanism, the Director (TW) has suggested that an exclusive convoy for the heavy vehicles carrying cargo and fuel between Port Blair and Middle/ North Andaman from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and Middle Strait to Jirkatang, so that a surprise intermittent checking of these vehicles can be done because these vehicles are only carrying the undesired items tobacco, NDPS item etc and exchange with Jarawas. Doing such checking in present convoy system of all mixed vehicle will put other passengers/ commuters in avoidable inconvenience and will cause unrest, as such, the Director in its tour report suggested for an exclusive convoy for the heavy vehicles carrying cargo and fuel.
- 8) This Directorate in consultation with the Law Department of Administration issued a complied circular regulating the convoy on ATR was issued vide Circular dated 7.4.2017, without bringing about any change in the basic convoy system. In order to consider the mechanism proposed by the Director (TW) for introduction of an exclusive convoy for the heavy vehicles carrying cargo and fuel between Port Blair and Middle/ North Andaman from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and Middle Strait to Jirkatang, we have to revise/ supersede complied Circular dated 7.4.2017.

Considered view of the Law Department may be solicited, to enable us to take up the matter with the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands for revision of convoy system, by introducing exclusive convoy for the heavy vehicles carrying cargo and fuel between Port Blair and Middle/ North Andaman from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and Middle Strait to Jirkatang, in the best interest and protection of Jarawa tribe.

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The instant proposal is regarding introduction of a new i.e. 5th convoys exclusively for the heavy vehicles carrying cargo & fuel, as suggested by Dir (TW) vide his tour note (at flag X) and approved by Sec. (TW).

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Initially, there were 08 convoys daily on ATR between Jirkatang to Middle Strait, which was subsequently reduced to 04 vide circular dated 13.09.2011 in