

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE
SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, PORT BLAIR

No.1-836/2004-TW/

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The following measures regarding welfare and protection of the aboriginal tribe namely- Jarawas were discussed at a meeting held on 10/3/2004 in the Chamber of Chief Secretary, A&N Administration.

1. **Issue of Tribal Pass to non-tribals by the respective Deputy Commissioners**

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The Administration had already issued a circular No. 1-272/2000-TW/012 dated 11/10/2002 (a copy is placed at page 1/c) laying down procedures for issue of Tribal Pass to the non-tribals to visit the reserved area (tribal area). It has been observed that the above circular interferes with statutory powers of the Deputy Commissioner under the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956 and the rules framed thereunder. Under rule 5 of the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Rules 1957, the Deputy Commissioner is the competent authority to grant Tribal Pass to the non-tribals for visiting the tribal area.

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Therefore, it was felt that a fresh circular indicating statutory power of the Deputy Commissioner, need to be issued. However, the Deputy Commissioner may obtain views of the Tribal Welfare Department wherever required ~~before issuing the Tribal Pass~~. Accordingly, a draft circular was finalised at the above meeting and the same is placed at Flag 'A' for perusal and approval please.

2. **Convoy system on ATR passing through the Jarawa area:-**

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The Superintendent of Police, Andamans District vide his order No.2920 dated 31/6/2003 at page 2/C has already laid down convoy system to regulate movement of the vehicles from Jirkatang No.2 to Middle Strait and vice-versa on ATR. It was felt that there is a need to issue a fresh circular laying down the convoy system to regulate the government vehicles on the ATR at the Administration's level. Further it was found that there are in all 10 convoys in operation on ATR which need to be reduced to eight. It was also felt that no two wheelers and three wheelers should be allowed on ATR to avoid interaction with the Jarawas. Accordingly a draft circular was finalized at the above meeting and the same is placed at flag 'B'.