charged for a bus up to Baratang. However, after receipt of complaints that tour operators charge exorbitant fare from the tourist, hiring out of STS buses to tour operators has been stopped w.e.f 04/07/2007.

It is further submitted that all the buses plying on Andaman Trunk Route move in a convoy accompanied by police personnel and Bus No. and Drivers Name are entered at the Check Post at Jirkatang, Middle Strait and Kadamtala both during the onward journey and return journey. Details of trips performed by the particular bus are also entered in the logbook of the bus.

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