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Year	No. of Jarawa visited	
	JPP No.15	JPP No.11
2002	174	8
2003	195	40
2004	86	3
2005	126	9
2006-	127	30
2007	232	59
2008	48	6

4. The vehicles coming from Middle and North Andaman towards Port Blair are allowed to cross Parlobjig No. 15 first at 0530 hrs in the morning and then at 0600 hrs. Thereafter the vehicles are allowed to pass the stretch on hourly basis and lastly at 1730 hrs in the evening. No vehicles are allowed to cross this stretch of ATR in the night after 1730 hrs till 0530 in the morning, except in emergencies etc. It would take about 2 ½ hours in ordinary speed for a vehicle to reach Middle Strait from Parlobjig No. 15., including time taken by two vehicles ferries. All though there are no specific written orders/directions from the Administration for the restriction of night vehicular traffic on the above stretch of Jarawa Reserve on ATR, this has been in practice since 2-3 decades in the interest of protection of Jarawas. On the other hand, the vehicular traffic on ATR between the Jarawa Reserve Area between Middle Strait to Jirkatang No.2 is regulated in convoys under the orders of the A & N Administration issued vide letter No.1-836/2004-TW/274 dated 22nd June, 2007(copy enclosed).

5. Accordingly, the first convoy at Middle Strait starts at 0630 hours and the next convoy is at 0800 hours. If the vehicles coming from Middle and North Andaman area are allowed to cross the Parlobjig No. 15 at 0400 hours and the vehicle ferry at Uttara Jetty is advanced by 0430 hours, they would be able to catch the 1st convoy by 0630 hours at Middle Strait.