

Blair for Baratang and return to Port Blair from Baratang on the same day.

Mr. Jayapal invited the attention of the Court to the pleadings contained in the writ petitions filed by his respective clients to contend that two operators of tourist vehicles have been allowed to operate round trip on the route Port Blair to Baratang and back on the same day.

Those two operators are not respondents in either of the petitions. It would not be proper to pass any order against those operators behind their back but having regard to the assurance given by Mr. Ray and Mr. Mandal that if those two operators have been allowed to operate round trip steps would be taken to recall the authorization issued in this behalf, this Court finds no reason to give any mandatory direction.

Before parting, this Court would wish that the administration considers the desirability of introducing a system which would facilitate return of a tourist vehicle from Baratang on the same day of its journey from Port Blair to Baratang. If presently ten vehicles are being allowed to operate between Port Blair and Baratang on the up-journey and another ten vehicles between Baratang and Port Blair on the down-journey, passes may be issued only in favour of ten vehicles for operating a round trip on particular days of the month according to the choice of the administration by maintaining parity amongst all tourist vehicle operators. This would not result in increase of vehicular traffic, and the number of trips on the up journey and the down journey would remain the same. The operators of the tourist vehicles may be informed before hand the particular dates of the month on which they would be permitted to operate round trip from Port Blair to Baratang and back. If such system is

