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Minutes of the meeting held in the chamber of Commissioner (Transport), A&N Islands at 11.00 A.M on 01.12.2010 to discuss on the points arisen out of the common judgment/order dated 30.8.2010 passed by the Hon'ble High Court in the matter of W.Ps preferred by Tourist vehicle owners.

The following were present:

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Secretary (Labour/Inc.)
A&N Administration
Secretariat

1.	Shri. Ved Prakash, Commissioner (Transport)	:	In Chair
2.	Shri. Ajay Saxena, Secretary (Tribal Welfare)		
3.	Shri. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Commissioner	-	
	(S.A)		
4.	Capt. Sheshasai, Director (Shipping Services)		
5.	Shri. S.B.S. Tyagi, Superintendent of Police		
	(S.A)		
6.	Shri. Binay Bushan, Director (Tourism)		
7.	Shri.B.Binoy, Director (Transport) (In-Charge)		

At the outset the Commissioner (Transport) welcomed all those present in the meeting.

The Commissioner (Transport) desired to know the method evolved in the past to regulate the movement of traffic on ATR between Middle Strait and Jirkatang No.II by the Police Department. The Superintendent of Police informed that they are enforcing the regulation of traffic on this road as per the notifications issued vide Andaman & Nicobar Gazettee No.210 dated. 21.12.2004 relating to the policy on Jarawa Tribes of Andaman Islands in pursuance of the order of the Honble High Court, Kolkatta, order dated 09.04.2001 in W.P.No. 018 of 1999 (PIL). Point No.5 (IV) of the policy requires the following as reproduced below:

IV. Regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road

- (a) Traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be regulated strictly limiting the traffic to the essential purposes of public transport, supplies and emergency evacuation of patients and to ensure that it is an innocent and harmless passage and not a source of trouble to Jarawas.
- (b) Vehicles on Andaman Trunk Road will be allowed to move only in restricted hours and in convoy under notified speed limit to avert possible road accidents and to avoid any sort of interaction of travelers with Jarawas.
- (c) Facilities for travel by boat / ship will be strengthened and transportation / travel by sea will be encouraged.
- (d) Maintenance of the Andaman Trunk Road will be carried out by a mobile maintenance team bringing men, machine and materials from Ferrargunj/Jirkatang and carry out the job only during day time.
- (e) The tourist traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be strictly monitored to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawas and the tourists.

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