

Thereafter, several writ petitions were filed before the Hon'ble High Court by the private tourist vehicle owners with the similar prayer. The Hon'ble High Court, in its common judgment/order dated 30/08/2010 in WP No. 989 of 2010-(Shri B. Eswar Rao -Vs- The A & N Administration & Others) and other analogous writ petitions had declined to issue any mandatory directions but the Govt. desired that -

"the Administration may introduce a system which would facilitate return of a tourist vehicle from Baratang on the same day for its journey from Port Blair to Baratang. If presently 10 vehicles are being allowed to operate between Port Blair & Baratang on the up-journey and another 10 vehicles between Baratang and Port Blair on the down-journey, passes may be issued only in favour of 10 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 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 introduced, the tourist vehicle operators would in advance know the dates on which they could operate on the route Port Blair to Baratang and back and enter into contracts with the tourists accordingly. This would also ensure to the benefit of the tourist who would be better placed to return by the same vehicle which had taken them to Baratang and obviate the likely trouble of locating a suitable tourist vehicle at Baratang for bringing them back to Port Blair. However, this is not to be construed as direction but a suggestion which could be considered for implementation provided it is feasible having regard to the prevalent conditions". *(Copy of judgment/order dated 30/08/2010 is enclosed).*

Keeping in view the tremendous increase of vehicular traffic on ATR and the Jarawa Policy notified by the A & N Administration on 21/12/2004 and in order to control the vehicular traffic on the ATR, it is imperative for the A & N Administration to restrict the vehicular traffic on ATR. However, in pursuance of the judgment/order dated 18/06/2010, passed by the Hon'ble High Court in WP No. 907 of 2010-(Smti. K. Gandhimathi -Vs- A & N Administration & Others), daily permit in respect of tourist vehicle of the petitioner (Smti. Gandhimathi) is being issued till date.

Now, a writ petition bearing WP No. 1340 of 2010-(Shri R. S. Yadav & others - Vs- The Superintendent of Police, S/A District) has been filed by Shri R. S. Yadav & Others claiming daily permit for plying their tourist vehicles to and from Baratang on