

(81) PUC is the letter dated 14.1.2.2007 from Deputy Superintendent of Police (HQ), Port Blair enclosing therewith a copy of petition filed by State Vice President, BJP regarding increase in the number of convoy systems. The State Vice President has requested to increase the number of convoy system in the morning and in the afternoon considering the welfare of general public. The Deputy Superintendent of Police (HQ) has furnished a report on the issues which may kindly be perused at page 56-57/C.

(90) As per the provision at Sl.No. IV " **Regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road** " contained in the Policy of Jarawa Tribes on Andaman Islands (a copy of Jarawa Policy is placed at page 40-43/C) framed on High Court's Order in consultation with experts and notified with consent of the Government of India, the traffic on ATR will be regulated strictly limiting the traffic to the essential purposes of public transport, supplies and emergency evacuations of patients to avoid any sort of interaction of travelers with Jarawas.

(91) With a view to protect the interest of the aboriginal tribes inhabiting North and Middle Andamans and in order to curtail traffic movement of the ATR, Administration has introduced a convey system. To minimize the traffic further this convoy system has reduced to eight times per day with specified hours of departure at check post. Two wheelers, three wheelers and pedestrians are prohibited. In spite of all these measures, it has been noticed that the tourist vehicles passing through Jarawa reserve have increased and the movement of non-tribals, particularly tourist has thus increased.

(92) Further it is stated that the Administration has already sent a proposal to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs to accord approval for ban on the entry of tourists into the Andaman Trunk Road passing through the Jarawa territory and for providing alternate transport i.e ferry service from and to Port Blair. The approval of the Govt. of India is yet to be received.

(93) Based on the view of Police Department and the convenience of the public traveling to and from Middle and North Andaman Islands, the present convoy system on ATR exist thereto seems to be in order. Further increase in number of convoy on ATR will be against the Jarawa Policy as well as Supreme Court's directions.