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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the 7th January, 2011

To

The Comm.-Cum-Secretary (Transport)
Andaman & Nicobar Administration
Port Blair.

**Sub:- Regulation of traffic on ATR passing through Jarawa
Tribal Reserve - reg. - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to endorsement No. MT/2-7/STA/tourist vehicle/2009/1449 dated 7-12-2010 and letter No. MT/2-7/STA/tourist vehicle/2009/1453 dated 8-12-2010 of the Secretary (STA), Directorate of Transport, Port Blair on the subject mentioned above and to furnish the comments of Tribal Welfare Department on the above issues as under:-

- (A) The movement of traffic is regulated based on the policy guidelines of 2004 on protection of Jarawa Tribes as clearly brought out in minutes of meeting held on 1-12-2010. The issue of not allowing same day return is perhaps to discourage casual tourist to transit through the Jarawa Reserve area as staying facilities in Baratang or Kadamtala are very limited. This is put in place by Police in managing the traffic on ATR as per the guidelines / policy.
- (B) The difficulty in managing the traffic in a control way due to large number of vehicles plying on the sector of South Andaman which also results in traffic jam at the Middle Strait Jetty and avoidable strain on the Vehicle Ferry services has been clearly brought out in the minutes of meeting held on 06-12-2010. Considering the faster movement of vehicles traveling to Middle and North Andaman, many with essential supplies such as cooking Gas, P.O.L, construction material, ration and busses carrying passengers, it

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