

(100) **PUC-I**

This is regarding change in the time schedule of convey system at Middle Strait. The Superintendent of Police, Andaman District vide his letter dated 21.7.2008 at page 60/c has informed that during the citizen committee meeting held on 17/6/2008 an issue was raised by Shri Susheel Mandal, Member, Zilla Parishad, Madhupur that the passenger bus leaving Diglipur for Port Blair daily at 5.00 AM is being allowed to proceed in the convoy from Middle Strait to Port Blair at 11.30 hours, whereas another passenger bus leaving Diglipur just after 15 minutes at 5.15 AM has to wait with passengers for about 2 hours at Middle Strait and the said bus is being allowed to proceed in the convoy at 1.30 PM resulting lot of inconvenience and harassment being caused to the passengers in general and ladies passengers traveling with children at particular. It was suggested by the Member, Zilla parishad, Madhupur that the time schedule of convoy leaving Middle Strait at 11.30 AM may be rescheduled at 12.00 noon so that the passengers traveling by buses from Diglipur at 5 AM and 5.15 AM could proceed to Port Blair in the same convoy to avoid unnecessary harassment to the passengers. They have asked us to examine the suggestion.

(101) In this context it is stated that as per the existing schedule of convoys vide Administration's Circular dated 22.6.2007 at page 45/c there is fifth convey which starts from Middle Strait at 1115 hrs. As suggested by the Superintendent of Police, Andaman District, the fifth convoy from Middle Strait may be re-scheduled to 12.00 noon.

(102) **PUC-II**

The Superintendent of Police, Andaman District vide his letter dated 9.3.2009 at page 80/c has informed that the Director, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services has stated that some of the members of the Andaman Chamber of Commerce are regularly transporting live broiler chicken to North & Middle Andaman for sale to the general public. If the birds are transported late in the morning, the atmospheric temperature becomes higher, resulting in high mortality of the birds due to dehydration and sun stroke which may result in shortage of broiler chicken in North & Middle Andaman and requested to allow the vehicles carrying live chicken to go with the convoy of 6 AM starting from Jirkatang No. 2.

(103) In this regard it is stated that as per the existing schedule of convoys, the first convoy starts from Jirkatang at 0600 hrs. for passenger vehicle. As requested by the Members of Andaman Chamber of Commerce and as recommended by the Director, AH & VS and Superintendent of Police, Andaman District, the first convoy from Jirkatang for passenger vehicles may be extended for goods vehicles also.