

Islands & Hon'ble LG in the capacity of chairman of AAJVS. Presently the transit fees is collected and deposited with the govt. treasury by the Police Department.

3) The terms and conditions and the circumstances in which, the same day round trip permission is to be accorded may also be specified clearly so as to remove any ambiguity. This has also been desired by Hon'ble High Court in his order dated 30/08/2010.

4) DC/Competent Authority may authorize any Officer on his behalf to grant permission for the same day return after issuing necessary notification putting restrictions on the vehicular movement on ATR through JRA.

5) In order to ease out the pressure on the first convoy starting from Jirkatang at 0630 hours, the convoy timings may be modified. We can have convoys, from Jirkatang, starting at 0530 hours then at 600 hours, 0630 hours, 0730 hours, 0900 hours, 1100 hours, 1330 hours and at 1430 hours in place of existing convoy timings in consultation with the Tribal Welfare Department of A & N Administration, at least, during the peak tourist months viz November to February.

Similarly, the convoy timings from Middle Strait may also be suitably modified to take care of the rush arising out of the return of the tourists in the afternoon. The convoy timings from Middle Strait to Jirkatang can be modified to be 0630 hours, 0830 hours, 0930 hours, 1200 hours, 1330 hours, 1430 hours, 1500 hours and 1530 hours. It may be noted that the timings for the goods convoys from both sides would remain unchanged.

6) Similarly a notification needs to be issued detailing convoy timings from JPP Parlobjig No. 3 to Parlobnig No. 15 and back for regulation and management of traffic on this stretch of JRA. At the movement 14 convoys from each side operate from 5.30 Am till 6.00 PM everyday, but roughly 75 vehicles cross this stretch of JRA every day.

7) The size of a particular convoy, ideally, should not exceed 20-25 vehicles or else it becomes difficult to regulate the convoys effectively. Hence, there is a need to provide parking facilities at Jirkatang and Middle strait for large number of vehicles waiting for their turn in the next convoy.

8) The issue of allowing the long destination bound vehicles and the goods carriage vehicles in the first convoy, as proposed in the meeting held on 06/12/10, also doesn't seem to offer a solution as it would in no way reduce the traffic on ATR. It is also a fact that almost all the tourist vehicles tend to line up at Jirkatang early in the morning so that they could avail the first convoy and their patrons are able to complete sightseeing and come to Port Blair on the same day by availing any of the available convoys in the afternoon from Middle strait. It is further stated that the segregation of vehicles at Jirkatang post shall lead to chaotic situation as it would be difficult to ascertain the destinations of the commuters at the spot.

For kind perusal please.



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