

Ref: Secretary (TW)'s minutes at para 109/n.

This is regarding change in the time schedule of convey system at Middle Strait.

With reference to Fifth convoy, it is stated that 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.

As suggested by the Superintendent of Police, Andaman District with reference to the citizen committee meeting held on 17.6.2008, the fifth convoy from Middle Strait may be rescheduled to 12.00 noon instead of 1115 hrs. This has already been explained at para 100-101/n.

With reference to transporting of live birds to North & Middle Andaman it is stated that 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.

As requested by the Members of Andaman Chamber of Commerce and recommended by the Director, AH & VS, the first convoy from Jirkatang for passenger vehicles may be extended for vehicle carrying live birds also.