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The Chief Secretary, The Lt Governor, A&N Administration, Port Blair

Sub: Recent changes in Convoy numbers and timing Ref: Our letter No:BJP/ANI/CS/2011/1553 dt 30 09 2011

Sir,

A&N Islands,

Port Blair.

Kindly refer to our above cited letter on the recent changes in Convoy numbers and timings, I again place that previously when there were 8 convoys then also there had been acute rush of vehicles specially at Middle Strait and Gandhi ghat when the boats could not accommodate all the waiting vehicles. Private and government four wheelers had to wait for its turn for more than about one hour while the goods trucks etc to wait for 6 to 8 hours. Now the cutting short of 8 convoys to only 4 and changing of time have become a acute problem for the general public, vehicle owners and specially for the patients.

This has been stated that this cutting short of convoys have been applied as per the Hon'ble Supreme Courts orders and the general public wants to know what is the actual verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and why the same has not been placed before the general public by the AN Administration, because so far our knowledge, the Apex court in May 2002 did order for closure of the portion of ATR that passes through the Jarawa Reserve but the A&N Administration filed IA No 918 in 2003 to permit use of ATR. Supplementary to the IA was filed in

2005. Honble court's decision on the IA is awaited.

Hence we record our strong protest for cutting short of the number of convoys and changing of timings and we request you to kindly consider the problems of the general public and consider restoration of previous numbers and timings of Convoys

An immediate reply is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

(R Mohan) State President