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To

The Chief Secretary,
Andaman & Nicobar Administration
Port Blair

Sub:- Request to increase number of convoy at ATR route - reg:

Respected Sir,

With humble submission I would like to put before you the difficulties of North & Middle Andaman people due to the decision taken by the administration to reduce the convoy published in The Daily Telegram on 23th Sep 2011 that the Convoy Systems ply between the Jirgatang -2 No and Middle Strait under the Tribal area will be reduced to 4 convoy from existing 8 convoy in the ATR route with effect from 25th Sep 2011.

Sir, as you aware that the ATR is the life line of the North and Middle Andaman District i.e. from Baratang to Diglipur. Compare to sea route maximum number of people prefer to travel by road. Due to ATR only the development in the north and middle Andaman has been increased to manifold.

I would on behalf of the people of North and Middle Andaman like to mention that due to curtailment of convoy to four (4) the entire district will suffer badly. Due to reduction of convoy the number of vehicle in every convoy will increase and the existing vehicle ferry boat will not be sufficient to carry the vehicle from one jetty to another timely and because of this all the vehicles will be jammed/halted at jetty and the general public will suffer a lot. Earlier those who avail first convoy reach up to Rangat by 10 AM and now by the new convoy system it will consume another 2 to 3 hours. Some time due to technical problem only one ferry service will be available to carry the vehicles, which will definitely increase the pain more.

Besides this referred patient who has to reach Port Blair for their specialized treatment will be the worst sufferer due to curtailment of convoy.

Before arriving at a decision which involves general public, the concerned department would have taken views of the representative of the general public.

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