

F.No. 1-836/2004-TW.
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the November, 2011

To

*First Draft
Cancelled*

Sub:- Reduction in Convoys between Jirkatang and Middle Strait
and Vice-Versa-reg.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated on the subject cited above, I am to inform you that the Hon'ble Supreme Court while disposing of IA No. 502 in W.P.(C) No. 202/1995 T.N [Godavarman Thirumalpad (Petitioner) -Vs- Union of Indian and Others] (Respondents) passed various directions, one among them (Sl. No. 20) was as follows:-

"(20) Specific actions shall be undertaken by Ministry of Environment & Forests/Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration on the other recommendation of Shr. Shekhar Singh Report which are not specifically dealt with in above orders. Ministry of Environment & forests and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration shall file an affidavit within three months giving details of action taken by them on each of such recommendations."

So far as the recommendations of Shekhar Singh Report is concerned point No. 26 states as follows:-

"(26) The Andaman Trunk Road should be closed to all vehicular traffic from Miletalak in South Andaman to the northern boundary of the South Andaman Island. Similarly, it should be closed to all traffic from Kadamtala (corresponding to Pralabjig camp No. 3) in Middle Andaman up to Kaushalya Nagar (corresponding to Porlabjig camp No. 15). This should be done within three months. Further, no persons except for the Jarawas living in the Reserve should be allowed to enter the Reserve by any means unless he/she is permitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and the Secretary, Tribal Welfare, ANI Administration, and no such permission should be granted unless the person is proceeding on bonafide work related to the welfare of the tribals or the protection of the area."

In the affidavit filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in response to its direction as contained at Point No. 20 above, the A & N Administration has attempted its best to ensure that the