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अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
जनजातीय कल्याण निदेशालय
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the November, 2011

To

Shri R. Mohan
State President,
Bharatiya Janta Party,
A & N Islands,
Middle Point, Port Blair.

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

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 24th Sept., 2011 on the subject cited above I am to inform you that regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road is imposed in terms of Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands notified in the Andaman & Nicobar Gazette (Extraordinary) in December, 2004. Such regulation of traffic is essentially required in order to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawas and the Commuters / ^{tourists} during their journey on the Andaman Trunk Road passing through the Jarawa Tribal Reserve from Jirkatang No-II to Middle Strait.

Recently the Group of Experts constituted to review the Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands also further advised that unwanted and avoidable interaction between the Members of the Vulnerable Tribe (Jarawa) and tourist be avoided. *and better regulation of traffic is done.*

It is pertinent to mention here that ~~while disposing off~~ I.A No.502 in W.P.(c) No.202/1995-T.N Godavarman Thirumalpad (Petitioner) -Vs- Union of India and Others Hon'ble Supreme Court has also directed that ~~as per recommendation of Shekar Singh the~~ ^{issue of} Andaman Trunk Road passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve ~~be~~ ^{is} totally closed. However, the Andaman Trunk Road connecting ^{South} Andaman to Middle & North Andaman being the lifeline of our ^{admission} ~~economy~~ all ~~out~~ attempts are being made by the A & N Admn. ~~that the ATR is not totally closed.~~ At the same time protection of the interest of Jarawa Tribe being unique human

It is still subject to be decided as far as the recommendation of Shekar Singh report on ATR is the P.W. Dept. Shekar Singh report is concerned.

is allowing traffic with certain controls.