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

Port Blair, dated the 16th December, 2011

To

Shri R. Mohan
State President,
Bharatiya Janta Party,
Andaman & Nicobar 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 1st Nov., 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 / visitors 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 in I.A No.502 in W.P.(c) No.202/1995-T.N Godavarman Thirumalpad (Petitioner) -Vs- Union of India and Others, the issue of Andaman Trunk Road passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve is still subjudice so far as the recommendation on ATR in the Prof. Shekar Singh's report is concerned. However, the Andaman Trunk Road connecting South Andaman to Middle & North Andaman being the life line of our settlers A & N Admn. is allowing traffic with certain controls. At the same time protection of the interest of Jarawa Tribe being unique human heritage of A & N Islands is also need of the hour.