Practically reduction in number of convoys has not resulted in any major inconvenience to the commuter excepting that now the convoys have more number of vehicles thereby slightly increasing the time taken for the journey between Jirkatang and Middle Strait. On the other hand the traffic is now better regulated. Moreover, besides reducing the number of convoys the administration has taken a major decision benefitting every traveler to Baratang and beyond by removing the "fee" being levied on the vehicles and the vehicles are also allowed to return to Port Blair on the same day. With this the burden on the vehicle ferries crossing the vehicles between Middle Strait and Nilambur is also eased out and now there is less waiting at Middle Strait for vehicles going to Middle and North Andaman.

In the light of the facts and position as explained above there is no scope of increasing the convoys anymore and therefore, cooperation of one and all would be highly solicited in the interest of protection and welfare of Jarawa Tribe as per the Policy guidelines.

Yours faithfully,

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