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**PUC-1** is the letter dated 24/8/2010 along with the copy of letter dated 26/4/2010 from the Senior Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District regarding reassessment of convoy system. It has been stated in his letter dated 26/4/2010 that as per agenda point No. 1 of the minutes of the State Transport Authority Meeting held on 29/3/2010 relating to traffic movement through Jarawa Reserve area was discussed at length and problems being faced by the Police in managing the heavy flow of tourists as well as non tourists traffic were placed before State Transport Authority which recommended that the consultation be done with the Tribal Welfare Department so that a solution in accordance with directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard can be arrived at. An analysis of data obtained by JPP Jirkatang No. 2 for the month of December, 2010 reveals that an average of over 180 vehicles (Government and private) passed through the Jarawa Reserve daily, which consists of 22% busses (mass transport), 25% trucks (goods and supplies), 6% government vehicles and remaining 47% private vehicles which entirely consisted of 'Tourist Taxies'. They have further stated that more tourist bus operators have begun applying for same day return permit from STA. If this is allowed, there is every probability, that the present policy of discouraging same day return in respect of tourist taxies will come in severe pressure. The guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court while framing the Jarawa Policy are clear and unambiguous with the ATR so long as it has to be used in absence of a viable alternates, should be used only for the purpose of essential transport of goods and services. The essentiality of 'tourist traffic' which accordingly makes up for almost half of the entire traffic on ATR has to be thoroughly debated to amicably reconcile the Jarawa Policy and the Tourism Policy recently laid down by the A & N Administration. They have requested us that a thorough reassessment of the convoy system presently being followed to be got done and the limits of traffic passing through the Jarawa Reserve be clearly note down so that the same can be taken up with STA.

The "Regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road" contained in the Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Island framed on High Court's Order in consultation with Experts and notified with the consent of Govt. of India, is reproduced below:-

#### **Regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road**

- (a) Traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be regulated strictly limiting the traffic to the essential purposes of public transport, supplies and emergency evacuation of patients and to ensure that it is an innocent and harmless passage and not a source of trouble to Jarawas.
- (b) Vehicles on Andaman Trunk Road will be allowed to move only in restricted hours and in convoy under notified speed limit to avert possible road accidents and to avoid any sort of interaction of travelers with Jarawas.
- (c) Facilities for travel by boat / ship will be strengthened and transportation / travel by sea will be encouraged.
- (d) Maintenance of the Andaman Trunk Road will be carried out by a mobile maintenance team bringing men, machine and materials from Ferrargunj, Jirkatang and carry out the job only during day time.
- (e) The tourist traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be strictly monitored to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawas and the tourists.