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buses carrying passengers, it will be better if these vehicles are permitted in the first convoy of the day starting from South Andaman. The vehicles going upto Baratang should then be allowed in the subsequent convoys. Also there must be restriction on number of vehicles in these convoys. for better traffic movement and regulations of their activities while in transit through Jarawa Reserve.

c) We may also consider providing bigger buses to carry visitors to Baratang Caves etc, with windows covered with dark film/screen, so that visibility reduces to bare minimum from both inside and outside. There can be partition between the driver's chamber and passenger portion, so that passengers can not see through the glass/wind shield in the front. These alternative arrangement will reduce number of vehicles moving on ATR considerably and at the same time reduce possibilities of eye or other contact with Jaraws as well. Such buses can be given the permit to return back the same day, thereby the unnecessary strain of crossing of a large number of vehicles at Middle Strait Jetty will be removed. Normally 200-300 or sometimes more visitors go to see the caves. and this can be easily handled by 6-7 buses in place of 30-40 tourist vehicles / SUVs plying presently. both ways. Once alternate sea route is developed in future, the presence of vehicles on ATR can be further reduced.

S.No. at page 174/c. Pl. ask Secy (Tour) to take w/a. with the tour operator. We may also write to the Andaman Tourist Guild / Chamber of Commerce to regulate such activities, which can lead to a further restriction on the ATR/Jarawa Reserve. if not stopped completely.

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