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199 PUC is the letter No. MT/207/STA/Tourist Vehicle/2009/1620 dated 2nd Feb'2011 regarding meeting scheduled to be held in the chamber of Chief Secretary A & N Administration on 10.2.2011 at 10.00 AM.

200 A meeting is to be held in the chamber of Chief Secretary A & N Administration on 10.2.2011 at 10.00 AM to discuss on the issues related to regulation of traffic through Jarawa Reserved area in Andaman Trunk Road. The photocopies of relevant pages of Note sheets (from page No. 18 to 27) of F.No. MT/2-7/STA/Tourist Vehicle/2009 in which the matter has been processed may kindly be seen at page 256-265/cor. **We are requested to attend the meeting. Further at para 70/n on page 26/n on the note we are requested to offer our comments on 'X' at page 21/n and 'Y' at page 23/n of the note.**

201 In this context, it is stated that as per the provision at S.No. IV **"Regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road"** contained in the Policy of Jarawa Tribes on Andaman Islands framed on High Court's Order in consultation with experts and notified with consent of the Government of India, the traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be regulated strictly limiting the traffic to the essential purposes of public transport, supplies and emergency evacuations of patients to avoid any sort of interaction of travelers with Jarawas. The **"Regulation of traffic on Andaman Trunk Road"** contained in the Policy on Jarawa tribe is reproduced below:

- (a) Traffic on ATR 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 in innocent and harmless passage and not a source of trouble of Jarawas.
- (b) Vehicles on ATR 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 ATR 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 ATR will be strictly monitored to ensure that there is no interaction between the Jarawas and the tourists.

202 With a view to protect the interest of the aboriginal tribes inhabiting North and Middle Andamans and in order to curtail traffic movement of the ATR, Administration has introduced a convey system. To minimize the traffic further this convoy system has reduced to eight times per day with specified hours of departure at check post. Two wheelers, three wheelers and pedestrians are prohibited. In spite of all these measures, it has been noticed that the tourist vehicles