

Practically reduction in number of conveys has not resulted in any major inconveynance to the commuter excepting that now the conveys have larger number of vehicles thereby slightly increasing the time taken for the journey between Jirkatang and Middle Strait. On the other hand the traffic is so well regulated that the scope of undesirable interaction with Jarawas by the travelers/tourists is minimized almost to a zero degree. Moreover, besides reducing the number of conveys the administration has taken a major decision benefitting every traveler to Baratang and beyond that now there is no "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 absolutely eased out and now there is no stagnation/enforced waiting at Middle Strait.] Besides having taken the inputs/reports from Dy.S.P Middle Andaman and the Tribal Welfare Officer, AAJVS, this has been personally experienced by me and the Director (TW) during our joint tour upto Kadamtala on 15/10/2011.

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In the light of the facts as stated herein above suitable reply may be given for all the letters as first cited above, preferably under the signature of Principal Secretary (TW) or Director (TW) with copy thereof to Raj Niwas for the appraisal of Hon'ble Lt. Governor too.

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Draft reply is placed opposite.

[Signature]
10/11/11

Assistant Commissioner (TW)
(ACTW/Documents/1-836)

of approved draft letter placed shall be return

Director (TW)

[Signature]
11/11/2011

for Secy/TW

Regulation of traffic on ATR is being done as per the Jaraw Policy of 2004 and this is not actually linked to Prof Shekhar Singh or the case pertaining to Forest Dept. and wasnt the recent restriction is again as per the advice of the Expert Group, constituted for the review of implementation of the said Jaraw Policy. Pl. reframe the reply accordingly, and send at your level

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Dir (TW)

Act/TW

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14/11/2011

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