It is noticed that Govt. Officials visiting North & Middle Andaman on official duty to various purposes including monitoring, supervision of various activities every now and then. It is reported that while the Govt. Officials visiting N & M Andaman by road are taking a number of private persons alongwith them in their official vehicles and on the way they are interacting with the tribals.

Such interactions of private persons with the tribals is increased and it is felt that such interactions has to be curbed immediately. This is more relevant with the latest issue of Jarawa incident reported at print and electronic media putting the Administration in embarrassing situation.

In view of this, a circular may be issued from the Secretary, GA regulating the visit of officials to North & Middle Andaman District if they are using official vehicles for the tour and proceeding by ATR. The following instructions may be issued by way of circular/order.

1. All Govt. Officials including officials of the Administration, Central Govt., Defence and other Public Sector Undertakings shall visit N & M Andaman with the prior approval of Competent Authority indicating number of persons travelling with them.

2. While seeking the permission, the official shall indicate the vehicle

number and the driver accompanying with the vehicle.

3. The date and time of onward journey and probable date of return

journey be indicated in the tour approval.

4. The above procedure shall be followed by the officials of North & Middle Andaman District while they are coming to the Headquarter area on official duty using official vehicle.

If approved we may sent this note to the Secretary, GA for issue of Circular/Order from the Administration for the compliance.

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