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PRESS NOTE

Andaman and Nicobar Administration has taken series of actions for the protection of the Scheduled Tribes particularly the Jarawas under the provisions of A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 and Rules framed thereunder.

A circular has been issued with the approval of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor with the directives to the Deputy Commissioner of respective district to keep in view the need for protection and welfare of the aboriginal tribe while considering the applications for issue of Tribal Pas to enter into reserve areas.

Another circular has been issued with a purpose to avoid interaction of non-tribals particularly with those who traveling on the Andaman Trunk Road with the Jarawas of Andaman Islands. Traffic on the ATR in the Jarawa sector shall be regulated as per the circular. Vehicles will move in the convoy at the specified time of departure from Jirkatang No. 2 and from Middlestrait. Further a Speed limit of 40 Kmph has also been specified for vehicle on the Andaman Trunk Road in Jarawa sector.

To provide necessary health coverage to the Jarawas of Andaman Islands, a Standing Health Committee consisting of doctors, medical staff and officers of Directorate of Tribal Welfare and AAJVS has been constituted. This Committee shall conduct periodic health survey / camps among the Jarawas and provide such treatment to the Jarawas as may be necessary. The Committee will carry out survey / health camp among the Jarawas on South Andaman and Middle Andaman Islands. The Committee shall submit the report to the Administration about the health situation among the Jarawas periodically.

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