

- vi) **Jarawas:** The protection and welfare measures are extended to the Jarawas as per the Jarawa Policy framed in the year 2004. The extent of Jarawa reserved area is 1028 SqKm, meant exclusively for them. The Administration through the Andaman Aadim Janjati Vikas Samity, extends health and other calibrated amenities preferably in-situ. Due to the constant efforts, today the population has reached upto 505, which had once plummeted to around 200.
3. That it is submitted that the lands inhabited by the aboriginal tribes have since been declared as "reserved area" under the provisions made in The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 where the tribal communities enjoy unfettered right of meeting their day-to-day requirement for their sustenance and transfer, acquisition etc. of land in Tribal Reserved areas are strictly prohibited. The amendment brought out in the said Regulation in the year 2012 and 2013 further provides for declaration of Buffer Zone where any commercial/tourism activity is strictly prohibited and the Regulation provides for imposition of penalty has been made for any attempt of exploitation like photo/videography, introduction of intoxicants and