

4.	Another MAJOR THREAT to forests is due to FOREST ENCROACHMENTS - ANI Administration had identified 1367 families occupying 2500 Ha for regularising Pre-1978 encroachments - Each family holding additional land expanding encroachment further. - Some families have sold their land, shifted elsewhere and new occupants claiming Pre-1978 encroachment status - 2325 families identified as Post 1978 encroachers occupying 2633.654 Ha most in natural low lands of North Andaman. They are growing in size/ numbers.	
5.	Most significant/ Remaining natural forests are in ANDAMANS - in Jarawa Reserve in South and Middle Andamans - ONGE Reserve in Little Andaman - ATR has opened Jarawa Reserve passing contiguous to and in some cases through Tribal Reserve. - ATR has increased access to Jarawas, poses threat to Jarawas and the forests wherein they live	
6.	Ministry of Env. & Forests is granting permission under Forest (Conservation) Act for non-forest use of forest land case by case basis WITHOUT DETERMINING i) optimality of land use ii) future options such clearance could compromise	2
7.	Foreign POACHERS come for Poaching Timber Sea Cucumber, other spp. In North Andaman. Local	