

general merchant stores, cloth shops, sweet shops, tailoring shops etc operating in the market places of the existing villages in the notified Buffer Zone, catering to the local residents and population, may be exempted as they are not catering to the tourism directly, and these are set up to meet the local people's needs, much before the declaration of Buffer Zone.

As regards to the plying of tourist vehicles on the Andaman Trunk

Road passing through Jarawas Reserve between South Andaman and Baratang Island, we may apprise the court that the traffic is regulated in convoys with Police protection to minimize the contact of tourists with Jarawas. The Administration is looking at an alternative sea route to reduce the vehicular traffic of tourist vehicles on ATR, which on an average is about 50-60 tourist taxis/LMVs per day apart from private cars, buses and trucks catering to the local people residing in Middle and North Andaman. Therefore we may also seek a directive from the Hon'ble

Court to allow the tourist traffic through the ATR to the two natural attractions the Lime Stone Cave and Mud Volcanoes, which are situated in the Baratang Island in the Buffer Zone, till an alternative sea route is made operational.

We may discuss these points with the Advocate before finalizing the statement and then place it before the Law Department for vetting and submitting to the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 15th Dec 2010.

Submitted for approval please.

Commr-Cum-Secretary (TW)

Chief Secretary

5/12/10

2/12/10

Pls sign please issue letter to DC, (SA) &

(MAN) to close resort and restaurant

(donor bar license was cancelled), with

the buffer zone, specially in Baratang

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on the tourist establishment in the buffer

zone. The letter be given to me for

Pls sign

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