

of Jarawas in the Island territory. The areas inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes of these Islands have been declared as Tribal Reserve. The entry into such area by non-tribal is not only prohibited unless permitted by the Statutory Authority under the said law but acquiring any land is also prohibited. Besides the A & N Administration is making all efforts to enforce the restrictions against persons who illegally enter the Jarawa Reserve area by registering cases against them under the PAT Regulation as well as SCs and STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. This has created a deterrent effect and intrusion into the Jarawa areas have reduced considerably in recent times. In this connection necessary amendment in section 8 of PAT Regulation has been promulgated by the President of India to enhance penalties and punishments for the offences committed by the non-tribal to make the law more stringent vide A & N. Gazette Notification No. 24/2006/F.No. 1-467/2001 -TW dated 31.1.2006. Besides anti-poaching exercises are regularly carried out by Navy in the high seas, Costs Guard in the Coastal areas and by Police on the Coast Line.