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Further along the road, the Respondent witnessed a group of non tribals engaged in roadworks and more than 10 Jarawa youth present within a radius of 200meters, of which two were carrying a load of stone chips to aid the labourers, and one Jarawa girl was spotted using a toothbrush and toothpaste while seated by the roadside. Slightly further along the road, three Jarawa youth were seen alongside non tribal construction workers riding on an open top white coloured PWD truck. One of them was hanging off the back of the truck on a joyride, and the truck was moving at approximately 4.0kmph.

Further along the road, the convoy was again stopped by a roadblock of Jarawa children, the same group who were encountered in similar fashion by the Respondent on the 15th January 2001, and they again clambered and held onto the now slow moving vehicles in the convoy and even rode on the footboard of a private bus for a distance of more than 200meters.

It is evidenced from this single visit up and down the Andaman Trunk Road that interaction along Andaman Trunk Road continues.

11. The Detitioner is advocating continuance of tourism along the Andaman Trunk Road, using the promotion of "nature based tourism" to the Limestone Caves and Mud Volcano as a pretext, even though the volume of traffic cutting through the heart of the tribal reserve is

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