

closure uniformly as stated above. Annexed hereto is a copy of Bill dated 15.1.2011 of the Dew Dale Resort and marked as **ANNEXURE -B**.

5. The Petitioner contends that only 31 villages fall within the area notified as Buffer Zone and that these villages have mostly small normal markets containing small shops of grocery, cloth, tea stall, sweet shop etc. which primarily cater to local villagers and they occasionally cater to the travellers and tourists. In this context, it is stated firstly, that there are more than 31 villages within the buffer zone and secondly, most of these shops are actually on the Andaman Trunk Road and only cater to the tourist and travellers. These tea stalls and sweet shops have not been set up only for local residents but flourish on the tourist activities that take place. Since these activities are at the jetty and bazaars it is not only accessible to the Jarawas but this is the main place where the connection/interface takes place and not at the places like the Respondents resort. Most of these were established only after the advent of tourism in the area, especially those at Nilambur jetty, which is at the very start of the Buffer Zone in Baratang and at the border of the Jarawa Tribal Reserve.



6. It is stated that Nilambur jetty at Middle Strait is now a tourist hub, with many tourist boats plying with scores of tourists along the border of the Jarawa Tribal Reserve towards the limestone caves. S.K.M Golden Beach Resort is also present at Nilambur jetty. The Petitioner has admitted that Jarawa do sometimes