

17. The primary concern which the Buffer Zone notification was to address was the intermingling between Jarawas and tourists, and the Petitioner respectfully submits that there are no tourist establishments in the buffer zone. A notice has already been issued to the Respondent as well as to Dew Del Resort in Sundergarh Village, Baratang, at the hearing before the Hon'ble Court on 3.12.10, it was pointed out by counsel appearing for the Respondent that there was one resort which was continuing to function in the buffer zone. The Petitioner submits that this reference appears to be to Dew Dale Resort (in Sundergarh Village, Baratang Island). It is submitted that no action was taken against this Resort because it appeared to lie outside the buffer zone however its application for a bar licence was rejected by the Administration. After the order passed by this Hon'ble Court on 3.12.10, the boundary of buffer zone was re-verified and certain errors in the boundary were rectified, and as a result, it was found that the Dew Dale Resort and some other establishment in northern part of buffer zone in Middle Andaman actually fell within the buffer zone. In view of this, fresh notices has been issued on 8.12.10 to close this resort. Similarly the licence of one bar and restaurant in Pareshnagar and another wine shop run by the M/S ANNIDCO in Harinagar is cancelled in Middle Andaman on 9.12.10. Attached restaurant/hotel of the two bars one each in Nilambur in Baratang and Kadamtala in Middle Andaman, whose bar licenses had earlier been revoked, were also issued notice of closures on 8.12.10. Another hotel/restaurant has been issued notice on 8.12.10 to close the facility at Nilambur, Baratang. In all six such establishments have been issued notices/licence cancelled after 3.12.10. The details of the tourist related establishments closed after 3.12.10 is given at **Annexure VI** As regards bars within the buffer zone, liquor licenses of all such bars have been cancelled, and the Petitioner categorically states that there is no Bar functioning within the buffer zone. However, as stated above, small eateries, dhabas and tea shops in the village areas continue to operate, as these may not considered "commercial" establishments as contemplated under the notification dated 30.10.2007.