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local settlers and few tourists to go there for day visit as most of them are having beaches and some connectivity. They are identified for providing basic amenities such as changing room, toilets, safety signage and protection to those who go there for picnicking and relaxation. Collinpur Beach is one such locality falling in the Revenue Village, which is mostly frequented by locals as it provides a beach and some quietness as against the only small beach available near the Port Blair town. Although the Respondent has bought and the said revenue land and got the land use changed in 2001, from 'Agriculture' to 'Commercial', the ground situation at that time did not foresee the development in changed behaviour of the Jarawas. In fact in those days there was a conflict between the Tribe and the settlers of that area and also the fear of so called Jarawa attacks, which were perhaps measures of a defensive or protective nature by the Jarawas against any intrusion by the settlers into their areas for poaching or fishing etc. The Jarawa Policy of 2004 and the Buffer Zone Notification of 2007 are later measures to reduce the negative impact of fast pace of development which was started in the last decade of this millennium mainly in the tourism sector, specially after the closure of the Plywood Factories and Commercial Logging in 2002, which were the largest employers till then and the devastating mega-earthquake and the resultant tsunami of 25th Dec 2004.