

governed by the policy of protection of Jarawas laid by the Government of India in 2004 based on expert advise and consultation, not to interfere with their way of life, the Administration is finding handling the new developments as also given in 'graphic' details' by the respondent in Para 10, as the Jarawas are also human beings and we can not force them to get into their 'Reserve'. Here the issue of a highly advance society comes versus a small vulnerable tribe comes into picture and it is we who are to restrain our selves and our activities. Breaking down of one vehicle out of more than 20-30 going in a convoy as reported by the Respondent has no simple answers if we have to manage the traffic movement on a single lane hilly road passing through more than 40 kms of dense forests. The Administration however constantly reviews and monitors the ATR and the resultant issues related to the traffic and implement the policy that 'no interactions' takes place between the passer bys and the tribal. It is also clear in the narrative of the Respondent that only the younger generation of the tribe was seen seeking or carried away by the modernity and the so called good things being used by us.

There is high level committee which looks at the issues related to regulation of traffic on the ATR and we are constantly trying to address the issues arising due to changing behavioural pattern of a small group of the Jarawa Tribe, as the main groups and the elders of the tribe are still staying away deep in the forests and along the west coast. We have also taken up with the Government of India to review the Jarawa Policy so as to gradually 'empower' them to decide themselves about what is good for them and their future rather allow them to get confused and influenced by the glitter. Effort made by the Administration in declaring the Buffer Zone is in that direction and to make it more specific and to provide for penal provision, we have already mooted an amendment to the PAT, Regulation, which was appended as Annexure V in our affidavit dated 13th Dec 2010.

Then there is the larger issue of change in land-use pattern which as per our settlement policy was to allow agriculture and controlled forestry keeping in view the fragile ecosystems of the islands. Similarly recognising the need of the vulnerable tribes, Reserves were created earmarking large forest areas under the PAT,