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10. In response to Point No. 5, the Petitioner submits that the presence of Government Guesthouses is necessary as the area is also Forest area and personnel from the Forestry Department would require access. Moreover, the facility of Government Guesthouses facilitates monitoring of the area to ensure compliance with all Regulations. The Petitioner submits that this facility is not being misused in any manner.
11. In response to Point No. 6, the Petitioner states that the Respondent's resort is very close to the Tribal Reserve and that area is often frequented by members of the Jarawa Tribe. A map showing the precise location of the Respondent's resort in relation to the nearby villages as well as the Buffer Zone, is annexed hereto as Annexure 3.
12. In response to Point No. 7, the Petitioner states that even the instances cited by the Respondent of interaction with Jarawas on the Andaman Trunk Road suggest that it is mostly the younger members of the Jarawa tribe who are curious to interact with passer-bys / tourists. The elders of the tribe mostly continue to reside deep in the forest or on the west coast of the island. The Petitioner submits that while traffic is closely monitored and regulated, there are bound to be stray incidents where a vehicle breaks down or gets separated from the convoy. The management of traffic movement on a single lane hilly road that passes through more than 40 km of dense forests has certain attendant difficulties. However, the Petitioner submits that these issues related to traffic regulation are looked at by a High Level Committee, and constant efforts are made to address these issues.
13. Finally, the Petitioner submits that the Buffer Zone notification must be viewed in the context of the overall Tourism Policy of the Islands, which is for development of sustainable and responsible tourism looking at the natural resources, fragile