

Road (ATR) was the Eastern Boundary of the reserve (2) Previously, 200 metres (on either side) from the central line of ATR was excluded from the Jarawa Reserve. The 2004 notification restricted this excluded belt to 30 metres on either side of the Central Line of ATR, except in certain specified stretches (near the jetties) where the 200 metre belt was retained; (3) On the western side of South and Middle Andaman, the Jarawa Reserve boundary was extended by 5 km. from the High Tide Line, to prevent fishing activities in the coastal waters by those other than the Jarawa Tribe.

4. The objective of the 2004 notification extending the boundaries of the Jarawa Reserve, was to increase the marine and terrestrial food resource base of the Jarawa Tribe. Further, unlike previous notifications of the Jarawa reserve boundary, the 2004 notification provided for a clear demarcation of the Jarawa Reserve boundary using specific way points giving latitude / longitude, topographical features etc.
5. In December 2004, pursuant to the directions of the Calcutta High Court in the order referenced at para 2 above, a policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andman Island was framed. The said policy, as part of its objectives, stated that the Jarawas must be protected from harmful effects of exposure and contact with the outside world while they are not physically, socially and culturally prepared for such interface. As part of the strategies and guidelines for protection and welfare of