

the Jarawas, it stated that "stringent arrangements" may be made to ensure that encroachments do not take place in the future. It also provided for regulation of traffic on the Andaman Trunk Road.

6. On 30.10.2007, as part of the various measures to ensure protection of the Jarawa Tribe, a buffer zone of 5 km. radius around the Jarawa Reserve Area was notified. As per the said notification, any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe is prohibited from entering the Buffer Zone for any commercial and / or tourism activities. The notification dated 30.10.2007 has been quashed by the Calcutta High Court in the order impugned herein.
7. At the hearing before this Hon'ble Court on 29.10.2010, this Hon'ble Court was pleased to direct that an affidavit be filed indicating the steps that have been taken for protection of the Jarawa Tribe. Pursuant to this order of the Hon'ble Court, an affidavit was filed indicating the various steps that had been taken for protection of the Jarawa Tribe since the directions passed by the Calcutta High Court in a Public Interest Litigation in 2001. The said affidavit indicated that while some establishments in the buffer zone had been closed, there continue to be small eateries / dhabas, general stores, cloth shops etc. operating in the market places of existing villages in the Buffer Zone.
8. At the hearing before this Hon'ble Court on 3.12.2010, this Hon'ble Court was pleased to peruse the affidavit filed on