

where the Andaman Trunk Road enters into Middle Andaman Island. A map (with legend) showing the Jarawa Reserve and buffer zone in South Andaman, Middle Andaman, and Baratang, the Andaman Trunk Road, and also the revenue village area, is annexed hereto as **Annexure - 2.**

13. As is evident from the map annexed as Annexure - 2, the Buffer Zone area notified in 2007 includes parts of 31 revenue villages. A Tehsil-wise list of revenue villages falling within the Buffer Zone is annexed hereto as **Annexure - 3.** The population of these 31 villages is around 22,000 people (as per 2001 census). The Petitioner respectfully submits that these revenue villages contain settlers who have been rehabilitated under various schemes of the Government of India, and some of the settlers even predate the 1956 PAT Regulations. The prohibition on "commercial" and "tourist" activities in the buffer zone, as contained in the 2007 notification, must not be interpreted in a manner that prejudices the livelihood and subsistence of these settlers. These villages have mostly agricultural land with normal markets containing small shops of grocery, cloth, tea stalls, sweet shop etc. These shops cater primarily to the local villagers. However, to the extent that the Andaman Trunk Road travels through some of these settlements / villages, the travellers may also occasionally access these shops. These travellers are mostly settlers and officials residing in North and Middle Andaman, who travel to Port Blair and other parts of South Andaman, and back. The Petitioner also