

6 The Field Level Committee had met at various occasions, held interactions with the villagers to ascertain their opinion and the PRI members were also asked to respond on the Buffer Zone matter. The representatives of AnSI and the Tribal welfare Officers were asked to ascertain the views of the Jarawa tribe as well. The tribe may or may not understand the concept of the Buffer Zone but they do have idea about their defined/ identified territorial areas used for hunting and gathering.

7 The Committee to arrive at a conclusion and for suggesting opinion on the Buffer Zone devised Formats for collecting field information from departments to report about the incidents of Jarawas interaction and other activities. The data is for analyzing the intensity of interaction and its affect on the tribals' way of life.

8 Based upon the data, meetings with members, interactions with the stake holders including Jarawas and Local villagers, the Field Level Committee identified six villages namely (i) Collinpur (ii) Temple Myo (iii) Herpartabad (iv) Tirrur (v) Kadamtala and (vi) Yerataljig as being very close and frequently visited by the Jarawas and these locations are sensitive from the point of view of protection of interest of Jarawas.

9 The Field Level Committee proposes the following three drafts Buffer Zone Notification around the Jarawa Reserve: -

Option - A In view of the movements of the Jarawas to the areas/ villages where the Jarawas frequently visited and interactions and as per the records maintained by the field functionaries of Forest, Police, AAJVS for a period of 5 years since 2007, the Field Level Committee constituted by the Administration under the convenership of the Director (Tribal welfare) has identified the following villages namely (i) Collinpur (ii) Temple Myo (iii) Herpartabad (iv) Tirrur (v) Kadamtala (vi) Yerataljig to be sensitive from the point of view of the protection of the interests of the Jarawas and therefore to be retained in the buffer zone while all other remaining revenue villages where there were no Jarawa movements/ interactions with non-tribals are proposed to be excluded from the buffer zone altogether.

The boundaries of the Buffer Zone as far as they relate to the said villages have been limited and closed by to the existing Jarawa reserve and identified in Latitudes & Longitudes coordinates and by Geographical features like Nallah, Road etc. The survey numbers of the revenue village maps is also identified and noted in the draft Notification so that the Buffer Zone area is identified in the field in village for proper enforcement of notification.

The limited identified villages which are proposed for re-notifying as Buffer Zone will help in supervising all activities jointly by all the line departments' viz., Police, Forest, AAJVS etc.

The commercial establishments are very minimal and there be will no any livelihood issues of the villagers in the buffer areas.

Option - B The Buffer Zone of 5 KM radius is proposed to be limited to 2 Km in respect of the following villages namely (i) Collinpur (ii) Temple Myo (iii) Herpartabad (iv) Tirrur (v) Kadamtala (vi) Yerataljig in order to exclude the major portion of the area of the said villages from the Buffer Zone restrictions as defined in the PAT Regulation and to restore the livelihood & other activities in those villages. The remaining 16 revenue villages falling within the purview of Buffer Zone are proposed to be excluded altogether. Accordingly, necessary map