

Court and after hearing both the parties, directed the Administration to implement the Notification.

The Buffer Zone is created in 5 Km radius around the Jarawa Reserve and at many locations covers the Revenue Settlement villages. Altogether 22 Revenue villages are within the Buffer area affecting approximately 22,000 population. The Administration has to close down all the commercial establishments which include ration shops, tea-shops, tailoring and shops for the daily needs of the villagers if the order is implemented in the present form. Even the surplus agricultural produce cannot be sold by the farmers as such the overall livelihood and subsistence activities of the villagers shall be affected and the entire population are to be relocated which will have adverse social and economical impact on the non-tribals in addition to serious law and order problems.

The A&N Administration had submitted a proposal to the Govt. of India for amendment of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (PAT) Regulation, 1956. The amendment has been approved and brought into force with effect from 9.7.2012. The amended Regulation empowers the Administrator to declare any area which is contiguous and adjacent to the reserve area as Buffer Zone in the interests of Jarawas and specify the limits of such area and may from time to time in like manner alter such limits for protecting the interests of the aboriginal tribes. The Administration has constituted the Committee in the wake of the enabling provision of Buffer Zone under the amended Regulation.

Issues for Field Level Committee

The Field Level Committee is constituted consisting of Director (TW), DFOs of Baratang and South Andaman, Director (Fisheries), Deputy Director of Baratang and South Andaman, Tehsildars, Ferrargunj and Rangat, SHOs, (Tribal Health), AC (Settlement), Research Officer, ANSI and Tribal Welfare Officers of AAJVS. The mandate of the Committee is to report about fishing / poaching activities, encroachments, commercial activities, traffic on ATR and other issues. The Field Level Committee has been

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