

specifically asked to consult the stake holders including Jarawas and local villagers.

In order to understand the problems of villagers and implementation issues, the Committee devised Formats relevant to the respective departments for collecting the data. The contents of the Formats were discussed by the Committee Members before collecting the inputs from related Departments. Copies of the Formats are annexed as **Annexure -A**. 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. The tribe may or may not understand the concept of Buffer Zone but they do have idea about their defined/ identified territorial areas used for hunting gathering activities.

III) EMERGING ISSUES

The Members of the Committee deliberated on 4-9-2012 and on 9-10-2012 as a result of which, following issues emerged:-

- a) The Police personnel pointed out to the Committee that it was difficult to identify the actual ground location of Buffer Zone for taking cognizance of offences under the Regulation unless the Buffer Zone is demarcated/marked on the ground. The Identification of Buffer Zone in the sea ward side is impossible. They also stated that 5 Kms sea ward Buffer Zone on the Western sea side beyond 5 Km of sea ward Jarawa Reserve Area is of no use as the Jarawa Tribe fishing activities are confined in shallow water and they hardly go beyond 500 Mtr.
- b) The Director of Fisheries stated that there is already prohibition for fishing in areas falling under the Port limits, Tribal Reserve areas and Wile Life protected areas. But the prohibited areas does not restrict free passage of any class or classes of vessels for fishing. As such he suggested fishing vessels might be allowed to pass through the tribal

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