

- 2. Entries of Forest Officials and staff on duty should not be restricted in buffer zone and for patrolling specifically in Reserve (Jarawa) Area.
- Eco- tourism activities carried out by Govt. agencies (Forest department) in Mangrove Creeks and Forest areas including beaches should not be restricted in Buffer zone and the restrictions provided in the provisions of Section 2 (ii) (ba) and Section 7 A (1) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (PAT) Regulation 1956 and its amendment 2012 not to be made applicable for such Eco-tourism activities.
- All Acts and Regulations applicable to Forests, Wildlife and Environment (IFA 1927, WL(P) Act 1972, FCA 1980, CRZ, EPA 1986) should remain in force in Buffer area also.

Besides the above points the undersigned along with DCF (P& M) and DFO(BT) also suggested the following:

- The buffer zone be decided considering site specific probable impacts of external activities on Jarawa Reserve area instead of deciding uniform 5 km periphery from boundary of the Reserve.
- The demarcation and delineation of boundaries of Tribal Reserve and buffer zone on the ground should be the responsibility of Tribal Welfare Department and not the Forest Department.
- The Forest Camps on the fringe of the Reserve are not to be included in buffer zone. However certain restrictions in the Camps / villages may be put to minimize negative impacts on Jarawa Reserve.
- The villages like Shoalbay, Kalatang, Wrightmyo, Malapuram, Chouldhari, Wandoor etc. which are separated from Jarawa Reserve by wider creeks are not to be included in buffer zone.

This is for your kind information please.

Yours faithfully,

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