

In pursuance of the interim order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the SLP No. 12125 of 2010, tourists are not allowed to use Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) passing through Jarawa Reserve Area and the same has been enforced by the A & N Police since 26/01/13.

In view of above, two Out Posts i.e. O.P. Jirkatang No. 2 and JPP Middle Strait have already been sensitized and directed to comply the order of Supreme Court of India strictly.

Today (04/02/13) on the direction of worthy SP(D)SA I alongwith DSYP(MA) and HC/2306 D. Mani Kumar of Traffic Branch visited and inspected the aforesaid two Out Posts and the report is as follows.

1. O.P. Jirkatang: -

The present strength of this O.P is ASI – 1, HC – 2, PC – 17 and HG – 04. They have already been briefed about the new system introduced to check as well as to prevent the entries of tourists to ATR and Jarawa Reserve Area by SP(D)SA on his visit to this O.P on 02/02/13. Today, once again we have briefed them. The CCTV system with four cameras have been installed at this O.P. Two cameras are recording the entries of vehicular traffic whereas two cameras are recording the photographs of incoming passengers, settlers, govt. officials, drivers and others crossing the Out Post area and proceeding to Middle Strait. Five newly printed registers have been issued to this Out Post from DHQ to maintain record. Four Police constables are engaged to record the details of passengers travelling by Pvt./STS buses, Govt. officials, Drivers carrying essential commodities and others who are visiting their relatives.

Today in the first convoy 07 buses i.e. 03 STS and 04 Pvt. buses with 289 passengers have reported at the entry counters of this O.P. Due to large number of passengers and late arrival of buses, it has become difficult for the staff to make all entries of these passengers in the concerned registers within time, which caused half an hour delay in departing the Convoy from Jirkatang.

All the four cameras installed at this O.P are functioning well. Two Cautionary Boards indicating the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India issued from DHQ have been found placed in conspicuous place so that all the visitors can read well. The newly issued Registers are also being maintained by the staff in proper way. The license number of drivers and Islander card of passengers and visitors are also being entered in the concerned registers by the staff. Apart from above no one is being allowed from Jirkátang without recording his photographs in the CCTV installed near out posts. All the four