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It may kindly be recalled that Internal Note dated 24th January 2013 was circulated to all concerned in the A&N Administration regarding the steps to be taken to regulate the traffic movement in ATR, consequent to the specific direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court banning the use of road by tourists. In the Internal note, it has been mentioned that Govt. Officials and other bonafide road users are permitted to use ATR. Doubts have been raised regarding the interpretation of the term "government officials". Therefore it may be clarified that the term "government officials" covers only those officials who directly provide the required governmental support through their departmental activities to the settlers living in North & Middle Andaman District. Thus "government officials" by their mere status are not entitled to travel in ATR, but because of the specific duties assigned they are permitted to travel. This may be clarified to all concerned.

Submitted for approval.

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