

The Group of Experts constituted by the Administration has already taken up research Project, to study livelihood pattern, health issues etc of the Jarawas so as to assess the perception, the will & the preparedness of the tribe to interact with the outside world on an equal footing and make informed decisions. This work is being carried out with the assistance of staff and officers of AAJVS. It is expected that the report of the group will be made available within six months.

In Para 8, the following additional point may be incorporated -

Further, a workshop to review the progress of the research project was held on 18.2.2013. The data collected by the Field level functionaries of AAJVS was analysed by the Group of Experts and their comments are enclosed as Annexure

In Para 17

We may attach a copy of the Map showing the reserve area, buffer zone and ATR as per the revised Buffer Zone Notification issued on 17.1.2013.

In Para 23

We may incorporate the fallout of the strict implementation of interim order of Supreme Court dated 21.1.2013, banning use of ATR by tourists as below:-

(i) **No. of people affected:-** As per information collected from various sources, there are altogether 570 families consisting of 6000 dependent family members engaged in tour operation, namely running of hotels or restaurants, petty shops, tourists taxis, boats/dongies living across the settlement villages in South/ North & Middle Andaman Districts have been hit as a result of ban on use of ATR by tourist. The affected families have made representations to the Administration to provide them financial relief and alternate livelihood options.

(ii) **Reduction of ATR users consequent to Apex Court order dated 21.1.2013:-** The number of private vehicles plying on ATR has been reduced from an average of 157 per day to a mere 70 following the enforcement of an interim order dated 21.1.2013 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP 12125/2010. A statement showing the details of vehicles plying, passengers travelled in ATR segment passing through Jarawa Reserve, before and after the enforcement of interim order of Hon'ble Supreme Court has been annexed

The General Body of AAJVS will meet tomorrow (20.2.2013), where the issue of review of Jarawa Policy and other incidental matters will be discussed. I shall keep you posted with the relevant information, which may further through light. After discussion with ASG, kindly revert back.

with regards,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary (TW/Law)