

cases against them under the PAT Regulation as well as SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. This has created a deterrent and intrusion into the Jarawa areas have reduced considerably in recent times. In this connection necessary amendment in section 8 of PAT Regulation has been promulgated by the President of India to enhance penalties and punishments for the offences committed by the non-tribal to make the law more stringent vide A&N Gazette Notification No. 24/2006/F. No. 1-467/2001-TW dated 31.1.2006. Further, the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes), Regulation, 1956 which protects the interest of the aboriginal Jarawa tribe in these islands has been amended by the Govt of India and brought into force w.e.f. 9.7.2012, provides stringent penal provisions for various violations. Besides anti-poaching exercises are regularly carried out by Navy in the high