

along the ATR. Most of the population comprises of settlers from the erstwhile East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. However, a stretch of 56 km of ATR is passing through Jarawa Reserve. The Administration has introduced convoy system (between Jirkatang and Middle Strait) for local residents to avoid interaction of tribals with other road users. The number of such convoys has been reduced from 8 to 4 w.e.f 25.9.2011. It is also submitted that as per information collected from various sources by the administration, there are altogether 570 families consisting of 6000 dependent family members engaged in various activities for their daily livelihood, namely running of hotels or restaurants, petty shops, taxis, boats/dongies living across the settlement villages in South/ North & Middle Andaman Districts have been affected following ban on tourists and persons using the ATR to go to Baratang Islands. The affected families have made representations