

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 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 to the Administration to provide them financial relief and alternate livelihood options.

24. That it is further submitted that the Jarawa Policy, 2004 has laid down that facilities for travel by boat / ship will be strengthened and transportation / travel by sea will be encouraged. Therefore, a

*Amends*