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Nicobar Gazette Notification No. 210 dated 21.12.2004 (Annexure P/4 at Pg 118-132 of the SLP Paper book) and the same is being implemented strictly to ensure protection and welfare of Jarawas. Based on this policy, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has taken interalia the following measures for protection and welfare of the Jarawas:-

i) Exclusive Medical Wards in primary Health Centers, located near the Jarawa Reserve at Tushnabad in South Andaman and Kadamtala in Middle Andaman alongwith one at GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair have been set up for treatment of Jarawas. Such wards are also declared as Tribal Reserve, to prevent non tribals from interacting with them vide A&N Gazette Notification No. 113/2004/F.No.1-752/2002-TW (PF) dated 8.6.2004.

ii) In order to provide the resource base of Jarawas, the Jarawa reserve area has been increased from 847 sq.km to 1028 sq.km in the year 2004 vide A&N Gazette Notification No. 159/200 4/F.No. 1-752/2002-TW (PF) dated 15.9.2004. Further along the western coast, towards seaward side, upto 1km radius, reserve area has been notified vide A&N Extra Ordinary Gazette Notification No.16 dated 17.1.2013, considering the fact that Jarawas do shallow fishing for their consumption.

iii) The Jarawa Tribal Reserve has been demarcated taking into account natural features like hill ranges, peaks, creeks etc and boards have been erected to educate the non tribals and to prevent them from interacting into the reserve.

iv) The Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) belt has been decreased from 200 meters on either side of the road to only 30 meters from the central line of the road on either side vide A&N Gazette Notification No. 159/2004/F.No. 1-752/2002-TW(PF) dated 15.9.2004.

v) That enforcement measures have been intensified by the Police and Forest to protect the jarawa resource based in the Forest and coastal water.

vi) That sites of Police, Forest and PWD camps were reviewed and camps in the Jarawa reserve have been closed and shifted out of the Reserve Area. Workers on road maintenance work etc go inside the reserve during the day, as and when required under proper escort and watch ward staff.

vii) The Deputy Director (Health) alongwith Paramedical staff of Directorate of Health Services visit the jarawa area regularly to make the assessment of health conditions and provide required care in the Jarawa area itself to the extent possible. In serious cases only jarawa patients are shifted to Hospital for further investigation and treatment.

viii) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 makes adequate provision of the land and its protection for the benefit of Jarawas in the Island territory. The areas inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes of these islands have been declared as Tribal Reserve. The entry into such area by non tribal is not only prohibited, unless, permitted by the Statutory Authority under the said law but acquiring any land is also prohibited. Besides the A&N Administration is making all