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Minutes of the meeting held on 17.03.2013 regarding implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 05/03/2013

Chief Secretary, A & N Administration convened a meeting on 17/03/2013 at Police GO's Mess to discuss about the implementation of judgment dated 05/03/2013 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) 12125/2010. Following officers attended the meeting namely:

- 1. Chief Secretary
- 2. DGP In-charge
- 3. Commissioner-cum-Secretary (IPT& Transport)
- 4. Secretary (Tribal Welfare/Law)
- 5. Inspector General of Police (L&O)
- 6. Deputy Inspector General of Police (HQ)
- 7. Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District
- 8. Superintendent of Police (HQ)
- 9. Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District
- 10. Superintendent of Police (CID)
- 11. Director of Tourism,
- 12. Director of Tribal Welfare
- 13. Secretary, STA, Transport Department
- 14. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic
- 15. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Middle Andaman
- 16. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Rangat

The following points emerged in the meeting:

1. IGP (L&O) informed the members that for the implementation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's interim order dated 21.1.2013, the Police Department had to mobilize large number of manpower to check the identity of persons intending to use the ATR and then document the details of the persons who were allowed to pass through the ATR. The objective of such checking and documentation was to prevent nonislanders/tourists from using ATR passing through Jarawa Reserved Area as per the Interim Order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 21.1.2013. This detailed documentation, however, was possible only because the traffic on the ATR had come down considerably after the implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court's interim order. But now with the disposal of the SLP, the ATR will be used by the non-islanders as well as the islanders. The average vehicular traffic in January 2012 was about 140 vehicles carrying about 1400 passengers per day. On peak days, the number of vehicles went up to more than 200 and number of persons to more than 2000. The same amount of traffic, if not more, would be expected during the tourist season after the tourists are allowed to use the ATR. It was also the experience earlier that majority of tourists used to take the first convoy from Jirkatang so as to return back on the last convoy from Middle Strait. So this increased passengers inflow would further be heavily concentrated in the first convoy at Jirkatang and last convoy at Middle Strait and they invariably reach the respective check posts at the last moment on at the most upto half an hour before the scheduled time. Hence detailed

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