

F. No. 1-752/2009-TW/ 101
अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
जनजाति कल्याण निदेशालय
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair dated the 24th January, 2013

INTERNAL NOTE

The Special Leave Petition bearing No. 12125 of 2010, relating to the matter of Buffer Zone came up for hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 21st January, 2013. The revised Buffer Zone Notification issued by the A&N Administration dated 17.01.2013, excluding the settlement villages from 5 km. radius of Buffer Zone was taken on record by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. After hearing the submissions made on behalf of the A&N Administration by Shri Paras Kuhad, Addl. Solicitor General of India and other Senior Lawyers, the Hon'ble Court was pleased to direct that the Andaman Trunk Road could be used by the people residing in the settlement villages, Govt. Officials and other bonafide road users including those who transport goods and services to the settlement villages in the North and Middle Andaman District. However, Hon'ble Court directed that till the next date of hearing, no tourists should use the Andaman Trunk Road. The Hon'ble Court was pleased to post the matter for further hearing on 26th February, 2013. The formal order of Hon'ble Court is awaited.

The Order of the Supreme Court has to be implemented forthwith by issuing standing instructions to various authorities to stop movement of tourists on the ATR passing through Jarawa reserve area and to regulate the movements from Police Check Post established at Jirkatang No-2 to Middle Strait. In order to enforce the Supreme Court's interim order the following preparatory steps are required to regulate the traffic movement:-

- (a) No vehicles carrying tourists shall be allowed to ply through the stretches of ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve area in South and North & Middle Andaman. However, vehicle used by the Government Departments on govt duty shall be exempted. Also public goods carriers and other public service providers are exempted.
- (b) The residents of North and Middle Andaman intending to travel by STS or private buses on ATR from either side between Jirkatang-Middle Strait & Kadamtala have to produce their Identity Cards for issuance of tickets at the Ticket Counters or to the Transport official in the Bus. The suggested documents include any of the following namely -Islanders Identity Card, Local Certificate, Driving License, PAN Card, Bank Pass Book, Electoral Photo Identity Card, AADHAR Card etc. of A&N Islands. The Transport Authorities and Private Bus owners shall not issue any tickets without verifying the above documents.