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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
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8 This is regarding meeting of the Office bearers of A&N Tourist Vehicle Drivers Association.

2) The Office bearers of the A&N Tourist vehicle Drivers Association called on the Hon'ble Lt. Governor on 31.01.2013, at 4.00 pm and presented their grievances. Chief Secretary, Secretary (TW) and IGP (HQ) were present. The Association requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to intervene and take steps to protect the livelihood concerns of the islanders, consequent to the banning of use of Andaman Trunk Road by tourists. The Association expressed that tourist vehicles were purchased by the Members of the Association availing bank loans and number of families who depend on tourist operations had been affected.

10 3) The Hon'ble Lt. Governor explained in detail the steps so far taken by the Administration in protecting the welfare and livelihood of the islanders, particularly in the matter of ATR and Buffer Zone. He informed that appropriate submissions would be made before the Hon'ble Supreme Court to protect the interest of not only Jarawas but also settler population. He informed the Association that the Secretary (Law/^{TW}~~Law~~) had been appointed as Nodal Officer to look into the grievances of the affected tourist vehicle operators, Boat operators and the vendors. The Members of the Association made the following requests for the consideration of the Administration, namely:-

1. The details of bank loan availed by the members of the Association and the other affected families may be collected and submitted to the Administration so as to take up the matter with the Bankers.
2. The tourist destinations in and around Port Blair like Fisheries museum, Anthropology museum, Samudrika including Wandoor and Jollybuoy are being closed on Mondays. These destinations, should be kept open for tourists on all days including Mondays.
3. The frequency of boat services to destinations like Havelock and Rangat from Port Blair should be increased.