

DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

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To

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At Supreme Court
New Delhi!

Subj:- Follow up action on an interim order dated 21.1.2013 of Hon'ble
Supreme Court relating to Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) – reg

Sir,

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its interim order dated 21.1.2013 in the SLP No. 12125 of 2010 relating to the matter of Buffer Zone, has directed that the Andaman Trunk Road (ATR) would be used by the people residing in the settlement villages, Govt officials and other bonafide road users including those who transport goods and services. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has also directed that no tourists should use the ATR passing through Jarawa Reserve area to implement the order of the Hon'ble Court.

The A&N Administration has issued directions to various implementing agencies for regulating the movement on ATR and prohibited the entry of tourists in the ATR after the order of the Hon'ble Court. The Police and Transport Departments have been asked to regulate the movements of traffics, tourists and other road users through internal note dated 24.1.2013 (Annexure-I). These departments were also been directed to inform the general public about the arrangements being made by the departments for regulating the movement.

The information and publicity Department has also been asked to publish the interim order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court for the information of general public. Similarly, the Tribal Welfare Department has also issued a Press Release for the information of all concerned for strict compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order. Following measures were taken by the various departments:

- 1) A Press release was published by the Tribal Welfare Department vide letter dated 24.1.2013 (Annexure-II) in the local daily of the Administration. The press release was published in the Daily Telegrams of its issue of 25.1.2013 (Annexure-III).