

Minutes of the meeting with the Tour Operators of Port Blair held at the Conference Hall, SP(D)SA Office on 26/01/2012 at 06:15 PM regarding restriction on movement of tourists on the ATR passing through Jarawa reserve area in view of the directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

In view of the Internal Note F. No. 1-752/2009-TW/101 dated 24/01/2013 (copy enclosed) received from the Secretary (Tribal Welfare, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, A&N Administration, Port Blair regarding implementation of the directions passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in connection with restriction on 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.

The movement of tourists from Jirkatang area have been stopped w.e.f. 26/01/2012 and the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India have been implemented.

In this connection, a meeting with the Tour Operators of Port Blair was organized by SP(D)SA in presence of DC/South Andaman District, SDM (SA) and DySP/Traffic in the Conference Hall of SP(D)SA to aware the tour operators about the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and their cooperation was sought in implementing the directions.

The list of Tour operators attended the meeting is enclosed.

At the outset of the meeting SP(D)SA welcomed the tour operators and apprised them about the recent interim verdict of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India regarding restriction on tourist from plying through Jarawa Reserve areas w.e.f. 26/01/2012. The SP (D) SA urged them to cooperate with the Police & the administration to implement the directions of the Court and desist themselves from conducting any kind of tour operations with tourists through the Jarawa Reserve Areas(ie. via Jirkatang and vice-versa). Any violation in this regard would be dealt seriously and necessary legal action against will be initiated against them.

- Shri Kriappa M.C., Moon Travels has requested to allow empty vehicles from Jirkatang to Rangat to collect tourist at Rangat coming from Havelock by boat/ship and after conducting their tour at Rangat, Mayabunder & Diglipur, the tourists would be dropped back at Rangat to avail ship to Port Blair.

On this SP(D), SA & DC (SA) conveyed that the matter would be looked into favorably in consultation with tribal welfare deptt.

- Shri M. Vinod, President, Association of Tour Operators has requested to keep a check on the movement of tourists in all white board registered vehicles including defense and govt. vehicles.
- SP(D)SA informed that they are strictly following the same and necessary directions have been given at the Police Check Post at JPP Jirkatang and SHOs of Jarawa reserve Areas to check the vehicles meticulously. Separate