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The DIGP (HQ)/Nodal Officer vide his letter dated 2nd Feb., 2013 (PUC) has sought clarification of which private individual besides the tourists are not allowed to use ATR passing through the Jarawa reserve area. He has further asked for clarification about friends and relatives of the settlers of North and Middle Andaman about which the Supreme Court's Order is silent.

On the face of the Supreme Court's Order dated 21st Jan., 2013 the private individual is probably none other than tourists who are not allowed to use ATR for going to the caves.

As for relatives and friends of the settlers, although there is no specific mention about them in the Supreme Court's Order, the Administration has allowed them to pass through ATR by using public transport after complying with certain procedures / formalities as laid down in the Internal Note dated 24.1.2013 at Page 3-4/C.

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This is another letter dated 2nd Feb., 2013 from the DIGP (HQ) / Nodal Officer addressed to the Secretary (TW) seeking clarification on use of ATR passing through the reserve area by the religious groups. In fact, the Police did not allow a religious group travelling in STS bus to pass through ATR to North & Middle Andaman as they were not carrying any local identify proof.

As per the Supreme Court's Order, none other than govt. officials and the persons who are settled within the reserved area are to be allowed to pass through the ATR. In view of this, the action of Police to disallow the religious group seems to be in conformity with the Court's Order.

Submitted Please.

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May kindly see the above clarification of DIGP nodal officer ATR. Disallowing ~~other~~ persons other than what allowed by Supreme Court is the correction ^{by police} rather so far implementation of the Apex

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