

receipts and the name of the hirer will not be recorded. Such trips are being registered as SPECIAL TRIPS in the Department's records. The special rate is only for tour operators, which is quite low when compared to the actual hiring rates fixed by the Administration. This kind of tour has been in operation since the past 18 months or even more on a regular basis.

"We are not bothered about how many passengers travel in the bus. All we are concerned is the revenue collection", said the Assistant Director Transport Shri Biju Samuel while agreeing about the Special Trips. "We do not maintain the record of the hirer. It is up to the hirer to take as many passengers as he can. All we do is charge the hirer for a trip up to Kadamtala."

The best part of hiring the Administration's busses is that one does not require seeking a permit for entering into the Jarawa Reserve; neither does one have to pay for the vehicle ferry that connects Middle Strait and Baratang. And one can return on the same day too!