

Regulation of Traffic on ATR - Violation of Jarawa Policy

1. The traffic on ATR is regulated and is allowed to move only in convoys at specified timings as per instructions issued vide A&N Administration circular No. 1-836/2004-TW dated 16.3.2004 (Copy enclosed). The spirit of Jarawa Policy, as it pertains to traffic on ATR, is to protect the interests of the Jarawas by preventing people's contact with them.

2. The Policy on Jarawa Tribe issued vide No.210 dated 21.12.2004 pursuant to High Court Order dated 9.4.2001 in W.P.No. 048 of 1999 (PIL) further tends to restrict traffic only to certain specified categories of vehicles in view of ever increasing threat of people's contact with Jarawas due to encouragement to tourism and consequent increase in traffic on ATR.

3. The strategies/guidelines on regulation of traffic on ATR as prescribed in sub section IV of section III of the Jarawa Policy are reproduced below :

(a) Traffic on Andaman Trunk Road will be regulated **strictly limiting the traffic to the essential purposes of public transport, supplies and emergency evacuation of patients** and to ensure that it is an innocent and harmless passage and not a source of trouble to Jarawas.