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4. Unless this is done on priority, the next deluge of tourists is likely to raise the hackles of the NGOs and an outcry from the genuine passengers when they are denied tickets on the buses. This may ultimately lead to increased pressure on us to close down the ATR which is the life line connecting the Northern Islands with Port Blair.

5. Our suggestions in this regard are enclosed at Annexure 'A'. It is suggested that a committee under Secretary (TW) or Director (TW) be formed to lay down guidelines for restricting traffic on the ATR.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

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