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5. Therefore, in view of the position explained, the following action is recommended:

i) STS should restrict the number of buses on ATR as per genuine requirement of the public living in towns along the ATR.

ii) Arrangements to be made to not to reserve seats in STS & stage carriage buses in advance for tour groups.

iii) Chairman, State Transport Authority be advised to initiate action on stage carriage operators who are violating permit conditions (List enclosed at Annexure - B).

iv) A fresh order on regulating movement of traffic on ATR, pursuant to notification of the Jarawa Policy, needs to be issued clearly specifying restrictions on various types of vehicles as per the policy. This should include a clear guideline on same day return.

v) Various Departments of the Administration/A&N Command putting in requests in the form of official correspondence asking for same day return for private persons should be discouraged.

vi) The tourist permits issued by State Transport Authority to various categories of vehicles should specifically mention whether the ATR is included or excluded. In case the ATR is included, the permit should further specify clearly the various restrictions imposed on its travel on ATR as per the Jarawa Policy. Presently, the tourist permits are being given for the entire Andaman District, which includes ATR also.