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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

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Port Blair dated the 12 April, 2010

To

1. M/S. Moon Travel,
188, M.G. Road, Municipal Shop No. 5,
Goalghar, Port Blair, Andamans. (Phone: 03192 260099)
Email - www.exploreandamanwithkariappa.com
2. M/S. Rhino Jungle Adventure,
Sergeant Bikash Kumar Das (Rtd.) Founder,
#145, 4th Cross, Challaghatta (Yamalur),
P.O. Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560037
(Mobile: 9480618880)
Email - <http://jaadventures.org/Destination-Andaman.php>
3. M/S. Andaman Island Travels Pvt. Ltd.,
Ajay Kumar - Director Andaman Island Travels,
144/4, Shop No. 3, J.N. Road, Goalghar,
Port Blair - 744102. (Phone: 03192 236649)
Email - www.andamanisland.in/html/explore.html
4. M/S. Vicky Tours and Travels,
FMC Road, Prem Nagar, Port Blair, South Andaman.
(Mobile: 9933296958)
Email - www.holidaysinadamans.com

Sub:- Withdraw of Jarawa Tourism from the website regarding.

Sir,

It has been reported that a number of tour operators are promoting tours which include sighting of, or encounters with, the Jarawa tribe on the internet. The promotion of 'Jarawa tourism' puts the tribe at serious risk of disease, including swine flu to which they are likely to have no immunity and which could easily devastate the population.

In this context, you are advised to heed the fact that the areas inhabited by the Jarawas of these Islands have been declared as reserved area under the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1965. Further as per the policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands finalized by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India for their protection and welfare, no tourist should be allowed to visit/interact with the Jarawas. As such the tourism activity showing sighting of, or encounters with, the Jarawa tribe is against the policy on Jarawas drawn by the Govt. of India for the protection of this Vulnerable Tribe.

You are hereby directed to withdraw the promotion of tour packages showing sighting of, or encounters with, the Jarawa tribe from the public domain. Please also take a note that in the event of your failure to comply with the instructions herein, you shall be liable to legal action as may be deemed fit under the law/policy for the welfare of the Vulnerable Tribe 'Jarawa'.

Yours faithfully,

R. K. K. K.

Assistant Commissioner (TW)