PUC is a letter dated 28.6.2019 of M/s Mantena Vasishta Bridge JV regarding grant of permission for parking of tippers in Middle Strait Jetty. The said firm is undertaking the construction work of Bridge over Middle Strait creek between km106.590 to km107.762 of NH-223 (New No Nh-4) connecting South Andaman & Baratang Island as well as the road works of Baratang Island. They have obtained the special permission from DSS to use the vehicle ferry till 9pm daily between Middle Strait and Baratang jetty for smooth movements of their tipper which is around 30-40.

The above request cannot be considered in the interest of the tribes of Jarawa community on the following grounds:-

- The movement of vehicles in convoy is regulated till 3.30pm. Movement of 30-40 tippers in the Jarawa Tribal Reserve after 3.30pm will disturb their frequent movement
- Parking of tippers (without man) during night time in Middle Strait Jetty requires special police deployment to protect their tippers, as Jarawa may damage them and the compensation for such damage has to be paid by the Administration. If A&N Police is ready to provide special protection, this Directorate has no objection.
- Parking of tippers (with man) during night time in Middle Strait Jetty also require special police deployment, as the person so stationed with tippers (which will be 30-40 in Nos.) may enter in the tribal reserve or may involve in fishing or hunting related activities in the reserve area. If A&N Police is ready to provide special protection, this Directorate has no objection.

The above works are meant for national interest. Therefore, it cannot be prohibited. Therefore, this department is of the view that they can use the Rangat or Kadamtala jetty for uploading of materials for the above said works. The material can be transported from Port Blair to Rangat/Kadamtala jetty. The tipper can be stationed in Rangat/Kadamtala jetty and from there they can fulfill their daily requirement of materials without disturbing the Jarawa tribes.

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