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Jarawa

PUC is a letter No. NHIDCL/B.O/A&N/AGICL/DP/ N155/2019/ 3255 dated 06.05.2020 received from the General Manager (P), NHIDCL, Branch Officer Port Blair addressed to the Secretary (Tribal Welfare, planning & finance) regarding grant of permission for recommencement of work in Jarawa reserve of NH-4 and to provide permit for movement of staff and vehicle.

205 In the earlier occasion also, this Directorate has conveyed NOC to General Manager, NHIDCL for carrying out the work in the Jarawa Tribal Reserve.

206 But now the scenario is changed in the wake of COVID-19. Vide Order No. 88 dated 29.3.2020, only one convoy per day from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and one convoy per day from Middle Strait to Jirkatang is allowed. Vehicles carrying essential goods/ medicines are only permitted. For private vehicle, in case of emergency/ exigency, on case to case basis, after obtaining permission of Dy Commissioner (SA)/ DC (N&M) as the case may be allowed.

207 The NHIDCL request for permission as they intends to complete the left out work in the tribal reserve before commencement of monsoon.

208 In view of the above, we may accord permission to General Manager, NHIDCL with the following conditions:

- i) Only one convoy per day from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and one convoy per day from Middle Strait to Jirkatang is allowed. The timing of convoy will be 1200 hrs from Jirkatang to Middle Strait. The timing of convoy will be 1500 hrs from Middle Strait to Jirkatang.
- ii) Health status of the Driver/Crew should be undertaken before they cross into other District and they must maintain the prescribed norms of Social Distancing.
- iii) The project work should be carried out under the overall supervision of AAJVS/ Forest/ Police
- iv) ATR convoy system should not be disturbed at any cost.
- v) The road passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve should not be disturbed.
- vi) NHIDCL should ensure close monitoring of persons who will be engaged in the project of the ATR road.
- vii) The team should be escorted with AAJVS, Forest officials and Police personnel.
- viii) They should enter the time of entry and departure in the log book maintained by the Police.
- ix) No undue interference in the lives of Jarawas tribes during the course of research work.
- x) Necessary tribal pass from the District Administration should be obtained to enter the Jarawa Reserve Area.
- xi) This NOC is issued to all the statutory matters in this regard.

209 Kind approval of the Secretary (TW) may be solicited.

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