



Port Blair dated 6th September 2013

ORDERNO. 298

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor (Administrator), A & N Islands in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 (1) of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 read with its Amendment Regulation, 2012 and all other enabling powers in this behalf had declared Buffer Zone adjacent and contiguous to the Jarawa Tribal Reserve area vide notification published in the A & N Gazette, extra ordinary bearing No.15 dated January 17, 2013 (herein after referred as notification).

As per the schedule to the notification, certain settlement villages in the Districts of South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman have been excluded from the Buffer Zone thereby allowing the normal day-today activities of the villagers to earn their source of livelihood, and, banning any activity directly or indirectly which may be prejudicial to the safety, security and interest of the Jarawa Tribe.

A Committee was constituted with Director (Tribal Welfare) as Convener and Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of the two Districts namely South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman as Members, to examine the scope, if any, of regulating activities in the settlement villages mentioned in the schedule to the notification, and if so, to suggest the method and the administrative procedure to be followed. The report of the Committee submitted accordingly was examined by the Executive Council of Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS), in its meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on 26th July 2013. After a detailed deliberation, the Executive Council resolved that all livelihood activities of the villagers and developmental works of the Administration should be allowed in the settlement villages. However, the applications received if any, to start commercial/tourism establishments