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PUC is the letter No. bsi-A&N/Govt.TW/05 dated 22.12.2005 of Rev. R. Gnanadhas, Promotional Secretary, Office of the Bible Society of India, Port Blair regarding grant of tribal pass to visit Car Nicobar to handover the items and participate in the Memorial service there as representative of the Bible society. He has stated that the Bible Society of India, a renounced Church centered office is producing and supplying Hymnai and prayer books alongwith the necessary Bible in Nicobarese Language, since that were washed away by tsunami on 26.12.2004. He has further stated that he had visited the Island many times during the past with the pass granted by the Deputy Commissioner, District of Andaman. (A copy of pass for entering a reserved area in the A & N Islands issued by the D C (A) is placed at page 60-61/c for kind perusal).

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Under section 7 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1965, the Deputy Commissioner of the District is specified as the competent authority to grant tribal pass to the non-tribals to visit the tribal areas in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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With regard to grant of tribal pass to visit the tribal reserves inhabited by the Primitive Tribes for research purposes, the Tribal Welfare Department gets approval of the competent authority i.e C.S / L.G and forward the same to the concerned D C for issue of tribal pass for visiting tribal areas especially Strait Island, Dugong Creek and Jarawa area.

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In the instant case, the Promotional Secretary, Office of the Bible Society of India, Port Blair intends to visit Car Nicobar, which is inhabited by the Nicobarese and not by PTGs. In that case, the D C (A) is the competent authority to grant pass for visiting Car Nicobar. Therefore, we may ask Promotional Secretary to approach D C (A) to obtain pass for visiting Car Nicobar by submitting an application in the prescribed form 'A' to D C (A).

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Accordingly, a draft letter is put up for perusal and approval please.

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