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Definitions

(2) It extends to the whole of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(c) It shall come into force on such date as the Chief Commissioner may, by notification\*, appoint.

2. In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires, —

(a) "aboriginal tribe" means any of the following tribes or tribal communities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and includes parts of, or groups within, such tribes or tribal communities, namely;

Andamanese, Jarawas, Onges, Sentinelese, Nicobarese, and Shom Pens;

(b) "Chief Commissioner" means the Chief Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(c) "Deputy Commissioner" means the Deputy Commissioner of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(d) "notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette;

(e) "pass" means a pass granted under section 7; and

(f) "reserved area" means an area which the Chief Commissioner has, by notification under section 3, declared to be a reserved area.

Declaration of reserved area

3. (1) The Chief Commissioner may, by notification, declare any area which is predominantly inhabited by aboriginal tribes to be a reserved area and specify the limits of such area; and may, from time to time, in like manner, alter such limits.

(2) If any question arises whether any area falls within or without a reserved area, it shall be decided by the Chief Commissioner and his decision shall be final.

Allotment of land for agricultural purposes.

4. No waste or unoccupied land at the disposal of the Government in a reserved area shall be allotted for agricultural purposes to any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe:

Provided that the Chief Commissioner may allot any such land to any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe —

(a) if the Chief Commissioner is satisfied that such land is not required by any such member; or

(b) if in his opinion the allotment of land to a person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe is necessary for the purpose of consolidation of land or is otherwise in the public interest.

Transfer and attachment of land to be void in certain cases

5. (1) No member of an aboriginal tribe shall, except with the previous sanction of the Chief Commissioner, transfer by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease or otherwise any land to any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe.