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PUC is the letter No. 5-5/LS/2007/Nov/75/7794 dated 27th November'2007 alongwith Form 'A' Application for the grant of a Pass under Section 7 of A & N (PAT) Regulation 1956 in respect of Professor Dr. Malay Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Manisha Deb Sarkar to visit Onge tribal reserved Area of Little Andaman Island received from the Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Office of the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District, Port Blair. It is stated that Professor Dr. Malay Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Manisha Deb Sarkar intend to visit Onge tribal community of Little Andaman Island for research work etc. and requested to accord permission for visit Tribal reserve area at Hutbay for a period of 7 days.

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In this context it may be mentioned that Prof. Dr. Malay Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Manisha Deb Sarkar have applied for grant of permission to visit Onge Settlement, Dugong Creek, Little Andaman Island for research work etc. They intend to stay there for a period of seven days. The Onge Settlement area is tribal reserved area and under Section 7 of PAT Regulation, the entry of non-tribal into the tribal reserves is prohibited except on the pass granted by the respective Deputy Commissioner of the District.

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It is mentioned here that as per the DO letter 19013/2/2005-Schemes dated 9th June'2005 of the Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs at page 94/cor stipulates to ensure that undue interference in the lives of Primitive Tribal Groups do not take place without the approval of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

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In view of the above letter of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, we may obtain the permission from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the research work to be conducted by Professor Dr. Malay Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Manisha Deb Sarkar.

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Accordingly, a draft letter addressed to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and copy to the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman is submitted for approval please.

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- Is the claim of the researchers that they've been doing research on the Onge for the last 30 yrs, factually correct?

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