

The Director
Directorate of Tribal Welfare,
Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

17th October 2005

Sub: Grant of permission for the Tribal Pass for Strait Island for collecting data for linguistic research.

Sir,

This is in reference to the letter no. 1-272/2003-TW/1009, dated 14th July 2004, and further to the earlier correspondence to your office from Prof. Anvita Abbi, dated 26th September 2005, (both letters attached herewith) that we hereby request you may kindly give permission for the issuance of tribal passes for Strait Island to us, names as under, for another six months, for working with the Great Andamanese. Since this is an extensive work on the Great Andamanese language, we need more time to record the speech of the community and collect other linguistic data as required for our research. We are working on a Project, titled, Vanishing Voices of the Great Andamanese, a major language documentation project being carried out at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

We shall indeed be highly grateful for your kind permission.

Thanking you.

With best regards,

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