

This is regarding extend of opinion to the Additional District Magistrate on the issue regarding Grant of bar licence to Shri John Varghese, Prop KV Bar, KV Farm Resort, Mile Tilak.

The Additional District Magistrate vide letter No. 7-468/LS/2015/5332 dated 6.7.2015 (PUC) has requested that in order to grant bar licence to Shri John Varghese, Prop KV Bar, KV Farm Resort, Mile Tilak, they have received no objection from the general public in response to the Press note published by them in the Daily Telegrams. But while processing the case, they have received a report from the Superintendent of Police stating that the Jarawas often come out from the jungle at Mile Tilak in search of food and they are being sent back to the jungle by the Police & AAJVS staff. The record shows that in the year 2014, 409 Jarawas and in the current year 202 Jarawas came out of jungle at Mile Tilak and sent back.

It has been stated that as per the Notification dated 15.9.2014, Mile Tilak Village has been excluded from the area declared as reserved area.

It is submitted that this department is not aware of any Notification dated 15.9.2014 as stated in the PUC. This department has issued the Buffer Zone Notification in the year 2013 in which the Mile Tilak village is listed in the schedule to the Notification. Copy of Buffer Zone Notification, 2013 may please be seen at Flag-X.

From the reference received from ADM, South Andaman District, it is found that the above named Resort at Mile Tilak village is situated in the Buffer Zone and carrying out tourism/ commercial activity which is prohibited under the PAT Regulation as amended in 2012, Buffer Zone Notification, 2013 and violative of the directions issued by the Apex Court in SLP No. 12125 of 2010 in the matter of M/s Barefoot Inns and Leisure Pvt. Ltd –vs- Lt Governor, A&N Islands.

It is, therefore, suggested that DC (SA) may be advised to take appropriate decision/ action in this regard to ensure that the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in SLP No. 12125 of 2010 read with Buffer Zone Notification, 2013 issued by this Administration and PAT Regulation, 2012 etc are not violated. The proposal received from ADM, South Andaman District vide in No. 7-468/LS/2015/5332 dated 6.7.2015 may be returned to him in original for taking appropriate action in the matter.

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