Therefore, the timber harvesting being carried out in Little Andaman is neither arbitrary nor faulty and rather is based upon technical and scientific consideration and assessments. The petitioners have alleged that the project report was based on incorrect statistics and wrong estimates which is far from truth. The estimates and statistics used in formulating the project report by the respondent Corporation in the 1976 were arrived at by the two agencies independently. Firstly the Woking plan Division of the Andaman Forest Department undertook forest inventory of Little Andaman and arrived at the yield estimate from Little Andaman on per hectare basis. Secondly, the pre-investment survey of forest resources, a GOI., Organisation carried out forest inventory during the year 1976 and brought out estimates statistics of forest resources available in Little Andaman. The respondent Corporation based it projections on the inventory arrived at by both the Andaman Forest Department and pre investment survey. Reliance was placed on the above statistics with regard to Forest Inventory and hence the contentions of the writ petitioners that the estimates in the project report were incorrect or faulty stands belied.

I say that the resource assessment, forest inventories and preparation of management plan is a continuing exercise based on the fresh estimates undertaken by the working plan division, the respondent corporation at the instance of A & N