

23. That with reference to statements made in para 30, the same are denied and disputed. I say that the construction of road inside the forest is required for systematic extraction of timber and for carrying out regeneration and protection operations. The availability of forest roads in the operation area also facilitates channelised extraction of timber thereby reducing the chances of damage to the forest crops caused from haphazard dragging of timber through the forests. This also helps in movement of staff for supervising forestry activities and also in ensuring proper watch and ward against illegal felling, poaching and encroachments on forest land. Hence net work of roads is indispensable for ensuring proper forest protection and management.

24. That with reference to statements made in para 31 the same are denied. I say that as per the records of Revenue Department two stone quarries have been allotted in the revenue area of the Hutbay village, Little Andaman. Another quarry had been allotted to Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep Harbour Works Department by the Revenue Department before 1980. On construction of jetty prior to the formation of the respondent Corporation.