

in damaging the habitat of salt water crocodile is not reflected in the report annexed with the writ petition. However, there is no dispute over the point that protection of their habitat is necessary

30. That with reference to statements made in para 41 the same are denied.

31. That with reference to statements made in para 42, the same are denied. I say that the officials of the Andaman and Nicobar Forest and Plantation Development Corporation Ltd.. are empowered under the Wildlife (P) Act 1972 to afford protection to the Andaman Wild Pig in their jurisdiction. Apart from this in tribal reserve area, under provisions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956, the District Administration is empowered and is responsible for protection of resources meant for tribal people in the tribal reserve. However some incidents of poaching of the Andaman Wild Pig by the non-tribal people cannot be ruled out. Such poaching is reported to take place occasionally in other islands of this territory also. It is reported by the Tribal Welfare Department that the staff of the organisation known as Andaman Adim Janjathi Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) who are positioned at the Onge settlement have instructions not