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ANNEXURE- R-III

No CF/HQ/CT/10/252
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
VAN SADAN, HADDO

Port Blair, dated 8 October 1999

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central),
Ministry of Environment and Forests (Eastern region),
194, Kharavel Nagar,
Bhubaneswar- 751 001

Sub:- Working plan for the forests of Little Andaman Island for the period from 01.04.1999 to 31.03.2009 - reg

Ref:- Your letter No. 11(31)3/99-FCE dated 21.09 1999

Sir,

The pointwise clarification on the observations made vide your above letter, is furnished below:

1. CONVERSION WORKING CIRCLE

i) The Red Oil Palm and spices plantations were taken up under the orders of Govt. of India, vide Ministry of Agriculture's letter No. F.13-1/78-F-II dated 09.01.1979 on the basis of Revised Project Report of the Director of Coconut Development in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. The total area covered is 1631 ha. up to 1986 in a phased manner. This area was included in the Conversion Working Circle of the Little Andaman Working Plan inadvertently. Since the red oil palm and spices plantation is a non-forestry activity, the area is deemed to have been diverted for non-forestry purpose and placed at the disposal of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation Ltd. (ANIFPDC) for its management. Therefore, the area is now being excluded from the Conversion Working Circle. Necessary changes shall be made in the Working Plan.

ii) The anomaly in the existing volume table has been rectified and the revised volume table is annexed. In this context it is stated that the volume of the saplings/poles of 30-59 cm and 60-89 cm GBIH classes is not significant in a forest stand having predominance of mature and overmature trees. Moreover, the volume of forest stand having GBIH below 180 cm (hardwood) and 150 cm (softwood) has not been taken into consideration, while estimating harvestable yield in PB-I and hence this shall not make any difference in yield projections.

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