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matters of record, all other contentions which are contrary thereto and or inconsistent therewith shall be deemed to have been denied.

- That with reference to statements made in para 9, the same are denied save and except that are matters of record. I say that the entire Little, Andaman was declared as Reserve Forests under Sec. 20 of IFA, 1927 Notification No.59/G/635 of 1962 dated 17.4.1963. Subsequently settlements were started and spread over the North, Middle and South Andaman including some parts of Little Andaman car-marked for settlement in terms of the decisions of the Govt of India to resettle the refugees of erstwhile East Pakistan and also Tamili refugees from Sri Lanka and Burma the Thus schemes. under different settlement contentions of the writ petitioners to the effect that the island of Little Andaman was specifically car-marked for such settlement is absolutely baseless.
- 12. That with reference to the statements made in para 10, the same is denied and disputed. I say that the Administration has pursued the policy of the cultural colonisation in respect of Onges. This is vindicated by the fact that the Onges observe many of their traditional customs and rituals even today. Following are some of the examples of such rituals:
 - a) Beenjami Gay Koyabee (Burial rituals)
 - b) (ie Angachibe (Marriage rituals)
 - c) Aale Ge Ootoke (Birth ceremony)
 - d) Gayborata Ge Tanbo Nuna Totoreka (Pig hunting)
 - c) Tanaguru (Ritual of adult hood)
 - () Marelange Totoreka (Turtle hunting)

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