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This is a Photostat copy of an English weekly dated 20/11/2006, wherein a news article has been published in the front page titled: Illegal entry of outsiders in Strait Island.

The news items reports about tree felling under the pretext of being engaged as labourer in construction work. IT is also mentioned that with the convenience of local authorities is headed by Shri. M. Velumurugan, S/o Maya Alagu. He himself and his 11 nos. of laborers are staying there without valid permission and being an enlisted contractor with APWD having no work entrusted to him in Strait Island. It has also been reported that he is exploiting Andamanese by providing them IMFL, ciggrattes and other intoxicants. The paper has requested Forest Department, Tribal Welfare, Police and Executive Engineer, APWD to hold an inquiry and to take immediate action for removal of Shri. Velumurugan and his work force from the Strait Island, being illegal entrants.

As such to find out the truth, we may direct Plantation-in-charge, Strait Island, Police and APWD to submit a detailed fact finding report immediately for onward submission to the higher authorities. We may enclose a copy of the newspaper too.

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