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May kindly peruse notes from para 9/n to 16/N. This is regarding withdrawal of permission to convert the land purchased by M/S Barefoot in Collinpur for commercial use. As desired by C.S vide his minutes at para 16/N, on page 5/N, we had requested the following Heads of Departments/ Offices viz. PCCF, IGP, Secretary (Law), DC, South Andaman, Special Secretary (Tourism) and ES, AAJVS to send their comments on the above issues vide this office letter dated 16.7.2007 (P.S.) followed by reminders dated 24.8.2007 at page 9/c and dated 14.9.2007 at page 11/c. The Comments of the following departments viz. PCCF and Dy. Director (Tourism), I.G.P and ES, AAJVS have been received and the same are placed in the file at page 6-8/c and 18/20/c, while the comments of the DC, South Andaman is yet to be received.

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The comments of the concerned Department are as under:-

ACF (Planning & Statistics) vide letter dated 13.8.2007 at page 6/c has stated that **"the Jarawa Reserve is located towards North and approximately it is 1.5 Km away from the Collinpur Village. The status of the land lying between Collinpur Revenue Village and Jarawa Reserve is Reserved Forest and it is acting as a buffer around the Tribal reserve"**.

The Dy. Director (Tourism) vide letter dated 16.8.2007 at page 8/c has stated that **"The Tourism Deptt. is of the view that declaration of 5 Km of area from the Jarawa reserve as a buffer zone would adversely affect tourism in Baratang"**.

The IGP vide letter dated 22.9.2007 at page 18-19/c has stated that **"as proposed by the Director (TW), the permission granted to M/S Barefoot for conversion of property for commercial use at Collinpur should be withdrawn by Revenue Authorities immediately in the interest of protection of aboriginal tribe of Jarawas"**.

The ES, AAJVS vide letter dated 21.9.2007 at page 20/c has stated that **"the actions as suggested by the Special Secretary (TW) may be initiated without any delay and the establishment of Barefoot Resort at Collinpur may be stopped forthwith"**.