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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS VAN SADAN, HADDO

Port Blair dated the

December 2007.

To

The Director, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.

Sub:- Furnishing comments on the Draft Notifications: Reg.

Ref: Your letter No.1-752/2007-TW/757 dated 23rd November 2007: Reg.

Sir,

With reference to the letter on the above subject, I am directed to furnish the comments as follows:

1. With reference to the Draft Notification regarding declaring the existing belt of 30 mts. central line on either side of Andaman Trunk Road as Reserved Area (except at Nilambur, Middle Strait and Uttara – Gandhi Ghat where the existing and the port facilities), it is suggested that it would be better if the stretch of ATR which is being proposed for including in the Tribal Reserve may be clearly stated or spelt in the Notification. In addition to the above, it would be better if the comments of APWD is obtained who is maintaining the road.

2. With reference to the draft Notification regarding exemption from the requirement of taking pass under the tribal regulation while passing through the Jarawa Reserve through ATR, there is no comments to offer as this is a policy matter. However, entry of forest staff and officials in the Jarawa Reserve should be unrestricted as the Jarawa Reserve is also a part of Reserved Forest and protection of Forest and Tribals therein is within mandate of forest official as per order of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta.

Yours faithfully,

(S.H.K.MURTI)

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