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D. O. No. 1-101/2000-TW/
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
SECRETARIAT

Port Blair, dated the February, 2008

Dear

May I draw your attention to this Directorate's letter No. 1-101/2000-TW/697 dated 2nd November, 2007 regarding protection of Jarawa tribal reserve.

In this context ~~it is to state that in~~ the General Body meeting of AAJVS held on 17.8.2007, ^{look} a decision ~~had been taken~~ to discourage all tourist activities around the Jarawa reserves. Accordingly, you were requested to withdraw the permission to convert the land purchased by M/S Bare Foot Inns and Leisure Pvt. Ltd. in Collinpur for commercial use, as the area upto 5 km radius around the Jarawa Tribal Reserve in terms of the Notification Ni. 159/2004/F.No. 1-752/2002-TW (PF) dated 15th September, 2004 from the Boundary Line starting from Constant Bay in South Andaman to Lewis Inlet in Middle Andaman has been notified as a Buffer Zone vide notification No, 234/2007/F.No. 1-752/2007-TW dated 30.10.2007. Any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe is prohibited from entering the Buffer Zone for any commercial and / or tourism activities.

In response thereto, your office had also issued an order no - dt - prohibiting the construction of any structure on this land.

Further it is stated that Shri. Govind Ram, Executive Secretary, AAJVS ~~had visited the site where the construction of building for M/S Barefoot was in progress and also had taken some photograph of the site. At present he is on duty-cum-tour to mainland. On his return to Port Blair, copy of photographs~~

However, it has been brought to my notice that ~~could be sent.~~ *declaring the area a Buffer Zone as well as your order prohibiting any construction activities.*

In the meanwhile M/S Bare Foot Inns & Leisure Pvt. Ltd has filed a case against the notification dated 30.10.2007 declaring the boundary line starting from Constant Bay in South Andaman to Lewis Inlet in Middle Andaman as Buffer Zone. The Hon'ble Court directed to file Affidavit-in-Opposition within a period of two weeks from the date of passing the order i.e with effect from 10.12.2007.