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the outside world or have been reduced to a state of dependency, addiction to alcoholism, high rates of suicide and even frequent occurrence of moral turpitude among the members of the tribe and ultimately a total loss of their traditional tribal values and identity.

- h) That the said land holdings which have been purchased by M/s Barefoot Inns & Leisures Pvt. Ltd. were originally allotted by the Govt. to settlers from erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) under colonization scheme for the sole purpose of its utilization as agricultural holdings for their sustenance. Conversion of such agricultural holdings to commercial holdings is also against the policy of the govt. and in the instant case in particular defeats the purpose of allotment of such holdings to the settlers under colonization scheme.
- i) That the Appellants herein does not intend to impose a total embargo on the local non tribal population of settlers inhabiting the revenue villages adjoining the boundaries of Jarawa Tribal Reserve by extending the Tribal Reserve boundary. Peaceful co-existence of the local non-tribal settlers as well as the Jarawas has so far been quite successful and can continue successfully without any infringement of the right and interest of the local non tribal population. But, construction of such Tourists Resorts as proposed by M/s Barefoot Inns & Leisure Pvt. Ltd. and carrying out of such highly modernised, attractive commercial activities in close vicinity of the Jarawa habitats will certainly prove detrimental to the interest of traditional tribal culture and value of the small primitive tribe and will ultimately lead them to ~~descimation~~^{nc}/extinction.
- j) That the allocation of the said land where M/s Barefoot is constructing the tourist resorts and adjoining sea beach does not offer any special attraction or natural landscape which may really attract tourism development except the major attraction of watching and interaction with Jarawas, which in due course of time, beyond doubt, will yield to the unethical exploitation of the small primitive tribe.
- k) That the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have abundance of sea beaches and natural land scapes with much larger scope of tourists attraction and tourism development at many places, but certainly not the Jarawas which is the only target in the minds of the investors at Collipur which can, therefore, not be allowed under any circumstances in the interest of the small primitive tribe.