

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
Directorate of Tribal Welfare

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Protection of Aboriginal Tribes Regulation - 1956

NOTE

① This is regarding amendment to section of 8 A & N Islands PAT 1956, the observation of the Govt. of India in the context of the above amendment the observation of the Govt. of India vide their letter dated 1st Jan'2001 are reproduced below :-

"It is proposed that the penal provision of fine up to Rs. 1000/- which as fixed way back in 1956 is no longer sufficient and the same may be enhanced to Rs. 2000/- and the minimum period imprisonment may be extended from one year to two years. The matter has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs who have observed that such a minimum period of imprisonment is normally provided in the law aimed at removing social evils such as in dowry prohibition or in law aimed at protecting society from danger of Narcotics Drugs and psychotropic substances. Secondly, the proposed punishment of two years will make the offence cognizable under Criminal Procedure ^{Code} Court and the Police will be in a position to arrest the alleged persons".

The text of section 8 of the regulation is reproduced below:

- "(1) Whoever, in contravention of the provisions of section 6, acquires any interest in or in any product of, or crop raised on, any land, or carries on any trade or business, in a reserved area, shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extended to one year, or with fine which extended to one thousand rupees or with both ; and the interest so acquired shall be disposed of in such manner as the Chief Commissioner may, after taking into consideration the circumstances of the case, direct.