

The relevant accepted amendment to the Regulation vide Sl. No. 6 is reproduced below: -

"Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes)

Amendment Regulation 1956"

In place of punishment upto three years the punishment may be for a minimum period of one year extendable upto two years only 'and' a fine of Rs. 2000/- in place of Rs. 5000/- extendable upto Rs.10,000/- . 'Or' may be replaced by 'and' as above".

According to the modifications suggested by the Govt. of India the draft amendment notification of section-8 of the Regulation was sent to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter No. 7-44/98-Legal dated dated 12th Aug., 1999 of the Judicial Secretary, A & N Administration.

Even though the PAT Regulation is not a law aimed at removing social evils, it is all the same necessary to prescribe minimum punishment, both imprisonment and fine under the PAT Regulation so as to have deterrent effect on the offenders.

A statement showing the cases booked and punishment awarded during the last ten years year-wise under the Regulation is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

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