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No. 1-467/2001-TW/919 ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Secretariat Complex, Port Blair. Fax No. 03192-31639

Port Blair, dated the 29th October, 2001

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Andamans District, Port Blair.

Sub: Checking influx of population in A & N Islands.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 2-290/2001R(PF)/3935 dated 11.10.2001 regarding the above mentioned subject and to say that so far as Andamans District is concerned an approximate area 700 Sq Kms inhabited by the Primitive Tribe Viz – the Jarawas falling in South and Middle Andamans has already been notified as tribal area (reserved area) vide the Administration's Notification No. ANPATR/3(1)/1 dated 2.4.1957 as subsequently amended vide Administration's Notification No. 1077 dated 9.7.1979 (copy of each Notification is enclosed). Besides, the whole North Sentinel Island inhabited by the Sentinelese and Strait Island inhabited by the Great Andamanese have been declared as reserved area under the Andamans District.

With regard to extension of jurisdiction of said Regulation it is noted that it is already extended to Andamans District also. The relevant provision of the Regulation, 1956 is reproduced below:

"3(1) The Chief Commissioner may by notification, declare any area which is predominantly inhabited by the aboriginal tribes to be reserved area and specify the limits of such area; and may, from time to time, in like manner alter such limits.