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conditions and restriction of a pass granted by Deputy Commissioner (via notification dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1957) Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Rules, 1957 were made and issued on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1957 which specified:-

- i) Applications for grant of pass under section 7 of PAT Regulation, 1956 for entry into tribal area under rule 4 to be filed in Form A.
- ii) Application for grant of licence for Trade or Business under sub section (1) of section 6 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (PAT), Regulation, 1956 under rule 7 to be filed in Form 'E' or Form 'G' and Form 'H' under rule 9 for "Trade" "Miscellaneous Trade".  
Miscellaneous trade means the following :-

1. Works relating to APWD and IAF contracts
2. Stevedoring
3. Sale of timber
4. Import and export trade
5. Such other trade as may from time to time be specified by Chief Commissioner.

## II. PROBLEM:

The problem of influx of non-tribals into tribal areas has been raised by the various tribal councils in the district with Prime Minister, Home Minister and almost all visiting dignitaries in the district at frequent intervals. National Commission of SC & ST vide letter No. A&N/1/2000-PCR dated 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2000 forwarded vide letter No. 1-543/97-TW(PF)/868 dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 from Directorate of Tribal Welfare observed that Commissioner has viewed the illegal immigration of non-tribals as a serious matter which may result in change of demographic profile and resulting in change of control on local resources base.