

## No. 1-467/2001-TW/ 50 S ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINSITRATION, Directorate of Tribal Welfare. Secretariat Complex, Port Blair.

Port Blair, dated the 5 August, 2004.

To

The Inspector General Police, A & N Islands, Port Blair.

Sub: Amendment of Section 8 of A & N Islands PAT Regulation, 1956-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of DO. Letter No. 11023/7/99-UTL dated 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2004 from Shri P.K.Jalali, Joint Secretary (UT), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi addressed to Chief Secretary, A & N Administration. As mentioned in the DO letter the Govt. of India have called for information on the following issues:

- a) The number of persons who have been charge-sheeted and prosecuted under the aforesaid Regulation during the last fifteen years and how many cases ended with acquittal;
- b) Whether there is an increase in the number of such cases over the past fifteen years; and
- c) Whether by merely increasing penalties under the aforesaid Regulation, the protection of aboriginal tribes could be ensured.

In this connection it is stated that a proposal for amendment of Section 8 of A & N Islands PAT, Regulation, 1956 was referred to Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs for approval. A copy of the draft amendment of Notification is enclosed for reference.

Therefore, you are requested to kindly look into the matter and send the requisite information at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

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