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Sub : Proposal relating to amendment of Andaman & Nicobar Islands
(Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. U-11023/7/99/UTL dated 01/10/2002 regarding the above mentioned subject and to say that the proposal for amendment to section 8 (1)(2) & (3) relating to penalties for offences committed under the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956 has been further examined in the context of the recommendations of the Expert Group. The recommendations are reproduced below :

" 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.2,000/- in place of Rs. 5,000/- extendable upto Rs. 10,000/- 'Or' may be replaced by 'and' as above".

In the light of the above recommendations of the Expert Group the revised amendment notification has been formulated and the same is enclosed herewith. The amendment notification includes the provision for minimum fine of Rs. 2,000/- extendable upto Rs. 10,000/- while there is no change in respect of penalty relating to imprisonment, i.e., which may extend to one year. The amendment notification has been vetted by the Law department of this Administration and it has been approved by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands.

Encl : AA

Yours faithfully,

Research Officer (TW)
(C.F.T4-Aboriginal tribes)