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Reference is made to the A&N Administration's letter No.1-146/2001-Regulation for amendment of section 8 of "the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956".

2. I shall be grateful if the following issues connected with this matter are clarified:

- (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.

with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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