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Dear

Kindly refer to ^{the} your D.O letter No. U-11023/7/99-UTL dated 21/07/2004, regarding promulgation of Regulation for amendment of Section - A of the A&N Islands (PAT) Regulation, 1956. The information on the points ^{mentioned} raised in your letter is furnished as under: -

- a) The number of persons who have been charge sheeted and prosecuted under the aforesaid Regulation during the last 15 years and how many cases ended with acquittal;

A total of 2026 persons were charge sheeted, out of which 1812 persons were convicted and one person ^{only} acquitted during the last 15 years, i.e., from 1989 to 2003.

- b) Whether there is an increase in the number of such cases over the past 15 years; &

The number of cases registered year-wise under the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956 are given below: -

S. No.	Year	No. of cases registered
1	1982	82
2	1990	60
3	1991	90
4	1992	68
5	1993	98
6	1994	72
7	1995	71
8	1996	57
9	1997	78
10	1998	85
11	1999	112
12	2000	118
13	2001	130
14	2002	103
15	2003	72

As may be observed from the above statement there has been ~~un~~steady increase in number of cases ~~over the years~~. ^{Since 1990 provision of} ~~there is a downward trend.~~ ^{has during the period 1999-2001 and}

- c) Whether by merely increasing penalties under the aforesaid Regulation, the protection of aboriginal tribes could be ensured.

Enhancement of penalties, both in terms of fine and imprisonment proposed in the amendment would have deterrent effect against the intrusion of the unauthorized person in the tribal area, ^{particular in the case of 25% growth in} ~~by who during 1991-2001~~ ^{as 15 regular persons on land.}

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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