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

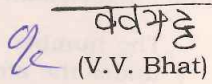
Enhancement of penalties, both in terms of fine and imprisonment proposed in the amendment would have deterrent effect against the intrusion of the unauthorized person in the tribal area.

Further, as you are aware, there has been public interest litigation in the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta at Port Blair in respect of the policy towards Jarawas. Among the other things, which have been emphasised in the seminars held for discussion on the recommendation of the Expert Committee on Jarawas, amendment to the PAT Regulation has come under repeated discussion. The general opinion of the Experts and the Anthropologists is that the Regulation should be made stricter in the interest of protection to the aboriginal tribes.

Considering the above, it is requested that the proposed amendment may be processed further.

With regards,

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