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(233) PUC is a note dated 08/11/2004 of Deputy Commissioner, Andamans District about revision of fees towards grant and renewal of tribal pass to the non-tribals to visit the reserved (tribal) area. He has referred to the decision of the co-ordination meeting of HODs held on 06/10/2004 in the conference hall of the Secretariat, in which it was decided to increase the existing rate of fee towards grant / renewal of tribal pass.

(234) In this connection it is stated that the existing rate of fee towards tribal pass has been prescribed under rule 11 of the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Rules - 1957 as further amended vide the Admn.'s Notification No. 274/60/150-5/60-G dated 05/12/1960. (A copy is placed at pages 167-168/C)

(234) It may be observed that the fees for grant / renewal of tribal pass were prescribed as far back as in 1960, i.e. 44 years ago. Since then the money value has decreased to a great extent, taking into account the cost of living. So the existing fees are only paltry sums, which need to be revised. However, as decided in the co-ordination meeting, the fees for grant / renewal of tribal pass are proposed to be revised as under: -

S.No.	Details of Passes	Existing Rate	Proposed revised rate
1)	A pass to be granted for a period not exceeding one month	Rs. 1/-	Rs. 5/-
2)	A Pass other than a pass specified at item (1) above	Rs. 5/-	Rs. 10/-
3)	Renewal of pass	Same fee as for the grant of original pass	Same fee as for the grant of original pass