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It is regarding upward revision of the fees for grant of Tribal Pass to the non-tribals for entering into the reserved (tribal) area by amendment to rule 11 of the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes), Rules, 1957.

As directed vide minutes at para 253/N, we have verified the records of TW Department and found that no amendment to rule 11 of the PAT Rules, 1957 enhancing the existing fees for passes has been issued in the recent past. Further, the Revenue Section of the Secretariat, which is Administrative branch relating to matters connected with the respective Deputy Commissioner, has formally confirmed vide their note dated 17/2/05 at para 255/N that they too have not issued any amendment to rule 11 of the PAT Rules enchancing the existing fees for Tribal Passes in the recent past.

The matter relating to upward revision of the fees for grant of Tribal Pass to the non-tribals was discussed at the Co-ordination Meeting held on 6th October 2004. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner (Andamans) had sent a proposal for increase in the fees vide his note dated 8.11.2004 vide PUC. Amendment to Rule 11 of the PAT Rules is necessary to increase the fees, for which a draft amendment notification duly vetted by the Law Department vide their note dated 14.12.2004 at para 240/N is placed opposite for perusal and approval please. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands is empowered to amend the rules.

Submitted please.

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