## 1-360/2007-TW/ ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION **SECRETARIAT**

Port Blair, dated the 25 November, 2008

To

The Assistant Conservator of Forests, (Planning & Statistics) Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,

Van Sadhan, Haddo

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy No. S 1775 due for 30.10.2008 by Shri. Parveen Rashtrapal, regarding Encroachment on forest land.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. FS/G/9/238 dated 22/10/2008 regarding the subject mentioned above. The reply to the part 'c' of the RSUSQ Dy. No. S 1775 is furnished as under:-

As per the provision in Chapter II of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights ) Act 2006, the forest rights and occupation in forest land by the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers who have been residing in such forest for generations have the right to hold and live in the forest land under the individual or common occupation or habitation, right of ownership, access to collect, use and dispose of minor forest produce etc

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Commissioner (TW)