

Tribal Welfare

Action Taken Report on the decisions taken in the 13th meeting of Island Development Authority held on 15.06.2011

Revised Agenda Item 6:

Amendment of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956.

Extract of the minutes	Action Taken Report as on 20.08.2013
<p>The A&NI Administration will take immediate steps to notify the proposed amendments to the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 as approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.</p> <p>Action : A & N Islands Administration and Ministry of Home Affairs</p>	<p>Union Ministry of Law and Justice notified the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Protection of Aboriginal Tribes (PAT) Amendment Regulation, 2012 on 02.07.2012. The Regulation has been brought into force on 09.07.2012. Salient features of A&N Islands (PAT) Amendment Regulations, 2012 are as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment empowers Administrator/Lt. Governor to declare/modify Buffer Zone contiguous to reserve area. • Commercial establishment has been defined as any trade or business employing more than 20 persons or with annual turnover of Rs. 1.00 crore or more. • Tourist establishment has been defined as Restaurant/Hotel/Bar/Boarding or Catering house/Cafe/Paying Guest except Govt Guest House. • <u>Stringent Penal provisions for violations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) <u>3 years imprisonment</u> and fine in the event of- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Taking photographs/Videographs of aboriginal tribes (b) Encroaching, hunting and poaching in reserve area. (c) Promoting tourism through advertisement on aboriginal tribes (d) Setting up of commercial/tourist establishment in the buffer Zone (ii) <u>7 years imprisonment</u> and fine in the event of introducing of any inflammable or explosive substances to aboriginal tribes. <p>Hon'ble Supreme Court vide their final order dated 05.03.2013 in SLP (C) 12125/2010 directed the A&N Administration to strictly implement the amended Regulation and the orders issued there under.</p> <p>Matter may be treated as closed.</p>