Community) will be considered after pronouncement of verdict of the Apex Court.

Point (f) Removal of restriction of development in tribal reserve:

In the Andaman and Nicobar Islands six aboriginal tribes ie. Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Shompens and Nicobarese have been declared as Scheduled Tribes under Article 342 (1)of the Indian Constitution vide Andaman & Nicobar Islands Scheduled Tribes Order 1959.

The Area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes of A & N Islands has been declared as reserved area under the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956. The interests of the tribal on the land situated in the reserve area are fully protected under the provision of the Regulation.

The Jarawas inhabit western part of South and Middle Andaman Islands. Owing to the increased tourism activities infrastructures coming up around the Jarawa territory, the A & N Administration in October 2007 declared an area upto 5 kms around the Jarawa Tribal Reserve on the land ward side as Buffer Zone prohibiting any commercial and tourism activities in this zone.

After the amendment of A & N Islands (PAT) Regulation, the Buffer Zone notification of 30.10.2007 has been amended and renotified on 17.1.2013. The amended notification of Buffer Zone has been issued based on the recommendation of the committee were all the 34 revenue villages have been kept out of Buffer Zone. However, to protect the interest of the Jarawa tribes, the Administrator pleased to declare that no person shall carry out any activity directly or in directly which may be prejudicial to the safety, security and interest of the Jarawa tribe in any of the 34 villages. The modified notification allows the normal day today activities by the persons residing in the 34 revenue settlement villages to earn their source of livelihood.

Point (d) Recognisation of Schedule Tribes status: No change in the status.

Point (s) Repeal of Jarawa Reserve on coastal water as per 159/2004/F.No.1-752/2001-TW(PF) Notification No. 15.9.2001.

No change in the status.

Point (ff) Extension of reservation benefits -ST. No change in the status.

If approved, we may furnish the updated status on the above lines to the Planning department in both soft and hard copy. Accordingly, a draft letter is submitted approval please.

Assistant Commissioner (TW)

Director (TW)

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