

Amendment of
section 2.

2. In the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulation), in section 2,—

Reg. 3 of
1956.

(i) after clause (a), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

'(aa) "advertisement" includes any notice, circular, label, wrapper or any other document or visible representation or announcement made by means of any light, sound, smoke or gas or by means of electronic transmission or by audio or visual transmission;

(ab) "Buffer Zone" means an area which is adjacent and contiguous to the reserved area and notified as such by the Administrator under sub-section (1) of section 3A;";

(ii) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

'(ba) "commercial establishment" means any establishment which carries on any trade or business or renders services for consideration and has more than twenty employees or having an annual turnover of one crore rupees or more;";

(iii) for clause (c), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:—

'(c) "Deputy Commissioner" means the Deputy Commissioner of the district of South Andaman or North and Middle Andaman or Nicobar of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as the case may be;

(ca) "employee" means a person employed in connection with the commercial establishment or tourist establishment for any duration on wages, salary or on commission basis but does not include a member of the employer's family;";

(iv) after clause (f), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

'(g) "tourist establishment" means resorts, hotels, restaurants, bars, boarding or eating houses, café, paying guest accommodation or such other places except guest houses of the Central Government or of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration.'"

Insertion of new
section 3A.

3. After section 3 of the principal Regulation, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Declaration of
Buffer Zone.

"3A. (1) Where the Administrator is of the opinion that it is necessary to do so for protecting the interests of aboriginal tribes residing in the reserved area, he may, by notification, declare any area which is adjacent and contiguous to the reserved area as Buffer Zone, and specify the limits of such area; and may, from time to time, in the like manner, alter such limits.

(2) If any question arises whether any area falls within or without a Buffer Zone, it shall be decided by the Administrator and his decision shall be final."

Insertion of new
section 7A.

4. After section 7 of the principal Regulation, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Prohibition of
establishment or
operation of tourist
or commercial
establishment in
Buffer Zone.

"7 A. (1) No person shall establish or operate any tourist establishment or commercial establishment in the Buffer Zone.

(2) No person shall promote tourism activities, directly or indirectly, through advertisement relating to the aboriginal tribes."

Amendment of
section 8.

5. In section 8 of the principal Regulation, after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

"(4) Whoever enters, in contravention of the notification issued under section 7, into the reserved area for purpose of taking photographs or making videos of the aboriginal tribes, he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.