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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप समूह ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS
वन सदन, हैडो IVAN SADAN, HADDO

Port Blair, dated the 22nd September, 2010.

To

The Secretary,
(Tribal Welfare)
A&N Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub: Allowing vehicle to return the same day from Baratang to Port Blair -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to para No.4 of agenda point No.6 of the proceedings of the Executive Council Meeting of AAJVS held on 10.8.2010(copy of extract para enclosed) wherein the PCCF,A&N Islands was requested to check and confirm whether vehicles can be allowed to return the same day from Baratang to Port Blair keeping in view of the Affidavits filed by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration before the Hon'ble Supreme Court..

The position has been verified and found that the A&N Administration has filed Affidavits in IA NO.1024 of 2003 and 502 of 1999(SANE vs The A&N Administration & Ors) in WP(C) No.202 of 1995 (T.N.Godavarman Thirumalpad vs UIOI & Ors) in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and in IA Nos.703 and 502(SANE vs UIOI & Ors) before the Central Empowered Committee. In both the Affidavits the Administration has not submitted that vehicles should not be permitted to return from Baratang to Port Blair on the same day. The Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands formulated by the Administration and published in the Andaman and Nicobar Gazette on 21.12.2004 also does not stipulate that the vehicles should not return to Port Blair from Baratang on the same day.

The Department of Environment and Forests is not aware about any order/instruction of the Administration restricting the return of private vehicles from Baratang to Port Blair on the same day.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

George Jacob
(George Jacob)
Conservator of Forests
(Headquarters)

Copy to the SPS to the Chief Secretary ,A&N Administration for information.