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**Para-wise Comments on IA No. 5 & 6 of 2014 in Writ  
Petition (C) of 2008**

Para No. 1	Comments
<p>Large scale indiscriminate distribution of forest lands under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.</p>	<p>The area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes in this UT has been declared as reserve areas under the A &amp; N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes), Regulation 1956 to protect their interests in the lands situated in the reserve area and at the same time the reserve area has also been declared as reserve/protected forests under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. However, the provisions of the PAT Regulation supercede any other law for the time being in force Acquisition of any right over the lands situated in the reserve area by the non-tribals is prohibited. Even entry of non-tribals in the reserve area is prohibited except on the authority of a pass granted by the Competent authority.</p> <p>In this UT the tribal's hold land on community basis as per their tradition/convention and individual ownership of land in the reserve area /reserve forests is not practiced, so there is no need to confer any rights on the tribal's living in the tribal reserve / reserve</p>