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Port Blair dated the 13 October, 2014

To

The Under Secretary to the GoI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, August Kranti Bhavan, New Delhi, Phone - 26182429.

Sub:-Implementation of Forest Rights Act and concerns regarding depletion of forest land, bio-diversity and wildlife in the country.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to MoTA's letter No. 23011/09/2013-FRA dated 16th September, 2014 regarding the above mentioned subject and to appraise the position with regard to implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 in respect of the Scheduled Tribes of this UT as under:-

So far as this UT is concerned, no forest rights has yet been vested in any Scheduled Tribes under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. In fact, in this UT none other than the tribals fulfill the eligibility condition for forest rights under the FRA.

Therefore, I am directed to inform that the concern about depletion of forest land in respect of this UT is untenable.

Yours faithfully,

(Nabanita Ganguly)

Director (TW)

Copy to the Secretary (TW), A & N Administration for favour of information.

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