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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the 05th December 2012.

To

Shri Asit Gopal,
Under Secretary to Govt. of India,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.

Sub: "Implementation of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006-rules made there under"-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Secretary to GOI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs DO letter No. 23011/26/2012-FRA (Vol.III) dated 22.11.2012 on the above cited subject.

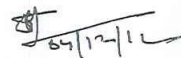
In this context, it is stated that the Central Govt. issued the Constitution (Andaman & Nicobar Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1959 under Article 342 of the Constitution, notifying (Six) Aboriginal Tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as Scheduled Tribes. Subsequently, in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (2) of Article 243 of the Constitution, the President promulgated the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956, for the protection of the interest of socially and economically backward aboriginal tribes in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Under the said Regulation, this Administration notified reserved areas, thereby prohibiting the entry as well as acquisition of any interest in land etc. of any person other than the members of the aboriginal tribes in the reserved area. Thus the interest of the scheduled tribes in A&N Islands have been fully protected by the Regulation, 1956 by exclusively preserving the area for them in which they have full rights to use their forest products for their bonafide use.

As far as, traditional forest dwellers are concerned, there are no forest encroachers who qualify for the purpose of the scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers.

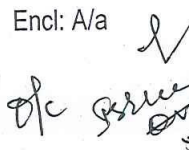
Further a brief note on the six Scheduled Tribes of A & N Islands and their status is enclosed herewith for reference.

Yours faithfully,



Assistant Commissioner (TW)

Encl: A/a


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