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4. That it is submitted that the aboriginal tribes declared as Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands inhabit tribal reserves which have been notified under The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956, where the entry as well as acquisition of any interest in land etc. by any person other than the members of the aboriginal tribes is prohibited. Thus, the interest of the scheduled tribes in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been fully protected by said Regulation of 1956.

Tabular statement:

(i)	The number of claims for the grant of land under the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	The area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been declared as Reserved Areas under The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 and since their interests are fully protected under the said
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