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**PROPOSAL FOR FOREST CLEARANCE FOR INSTALLATION OF
COASTAL SURVEILLANCE RADAR STATION AT EAST ISLAND LIGHT HOUSE,
NORTH ANDAMAN**

1. **Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN) Project.** Post 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, the Government of India had decided to strengthen Coastal Security Mechanism by instituting various measures including setting up of Coastal Radar Chain all along with Automatic Identification System (AIS) all along the coast line of India, within the existing premises of the light houses. **The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in their meeting held on 06 Feb 09, had approved the Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN) project. Accordingly, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) vide note Mod I.D. No. 1400/JS (O/N) 2008, dated 24 Feb 09 have directed Indian Coast Guard to setup the Coastal Radar Chain in expeditious and time bound manner.** The project of establishing Static Radar Stations was named as Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN) which is scheduled to be completed in two phases. The Coastal Surveillance Network is an **important Surveillance and Communication Project** with regards to National Security for providing early warning, detection, identification and neutralizing all the attempts of seaward ingress in our territory for carrying out disruptive activities by anti-national elements.

2. Setting of Coastal Surveillance Network (CSN) and Installation of Automatic Identification System (AIS) is a joint project of the Indian Coast Guard and Directorate General of Light House & Light Ships (DGLL) and the project is being funded by the MoD, GoI, for strengthening Coastal Security Mechanism in the A&N Islands. Towards this there is a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Directorate General of Light House & Light Ships (DGLL). The DGLL is planning to establish 29 AIS stations in A&N Islands and 18 are scheduled to be co-located with Radar Stations under two phases of CSN Project.

3. The GoI has award contract of CSN Phase-I to M/s Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore. Under Phase-I of CSN project total 46 Radar Stations are planned to be established all along the coast line of the India including 04 Radar Stations in A&N Islands. Details of locations under Phase-I are as follows:-

- (a) East Island Light House.
- (b) Sandy Point Light House, Little Andaman.
- (c) Keating Point Light House, Carnicobar
- (d) Army Land, Brichgunj

4. **CSN Radar Station at East Island Light House, East Island.** The DGLL have 09 acres of land at East Island where the unmanned Radar Station will be constructed within the premises of existing light house. Hence, the installation of this Radar Station will not cause any environmental impact on available natural resources.