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PUC - I is a letter No. 6-9(Vol.IV)/DC(N&MA)/2018/387 dated 29.01.2019 enclosing therewith a copy of letter No. Quoting 708 dated 23.1.2019 of the Assistant Commandant, Station Ops and Plan Officer for Commanding Officer, Mayabunder, North & Middle Andaman regarding Recognition of Forests Right Certificate.

It is mentioned that the Assistant Commandant, Station Ops and Plan Officer for Commanding Officer, Mayabunder, North & Middle Andaman has requested for diversion of 0.0035 ha of forest land for installation of CSS Radar station at East Island. We are requested to issue a No Objection Certificate in terms of the Schedule tribes and traditional Forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.

With regard to diversion of 0.0035 ha of forest land for installation of CSS Radar station at East Island, it is submitted that East Island is not notified as Tribal Reserve Area under the PAT Regulation 1956. Hence issuance of No Objection Certificate in terms of the Schedule tribes and traditional Forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 for the East Island does not arise.

If approved, we may inform the DC (N&M) Andaman on the above lines. DFA -I

PUC - II is a letter No. 23011/03/2016-FRA dated 20.02.2019 received from the Director to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi regarding furnishing of information of rejected claims of forest rights at District Level Committee (DLC) under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) 2006, (FRA 2006).

It is mentioned that in connection with Writ Petition (Civil) No. 50/2008 in the Supreme Court in the matter Wild Life Trust of India Vs UoI & Ors we are requested to furnish the details of number of claims of forest rights finally rejected at the level of District Level Committee (DLCs) with segregated information (STs/OTFD wise) to the MoTA.

In this context, recently, the A&N Administration has filed a Reply Affidavit of Writ Petition (civil) No. 50 of 2008 titled Wildlife Trust of India and Others-vs-Union of India and others pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in which, we have committed that the interest and ownership rights of the Scheduled Tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are fully protected under A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 and in absence of other traditional forest rights under FRA, 2006 does not arise. Copy of affidavit at page 274 - 284/c

If approved, may furnish a reply on the above lines to the Under Secretary to GOI, MoTA. Accordingly, a draft letter is submitted for approval please. DFA - II.

PUC - III & IV are letter Nos. 23011/28/2016-FRA dated 12.02.2019 received from the Director to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi regarding furnishing information on the progress made under Section 3(1)(a) and Section 3(2) of the "The Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. We are requested to furnish Monthly Progress Report and Quarterly Progress Report on the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

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