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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

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Port Blair dated the 01 April, 2019

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The Director General,
Forest Survey of India,
Govt. of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Kaulagarh Road, P.O. –I.P.E.,
Dehradun-248 195.

Sub: Compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 13.02.2019 in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 109/2008 (Wildlife First & Others -Vs- Ministry of Forest and Environment & Others) - reg.

Ref: Your letter No. 22/331-2018/FGD/622 dated 07.03.2019

Sir.

I am directed to invite your kind attention to the letter referred on the above captioned subject matter requesting to provide the geo-referenced digital vector boundaries of the encroachment position relevant to the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 13.02.2019.

In this regard, it is to inform that the areas inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have 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 Regulation by exclusively preserving the area for them in which they enjoy unfettered rights to use forest products for their bonafide use, so no claim as such is there for settlement under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

As regards, other Traditional Forest Dwellers, nobody qualifies for the traditional forest dwellers having resided on the forest land/ tribal reserve for the bonafide livelihood needs for three generations (75 years), prior to 13.12.2005 for the purpose of recognition of forest right under the above said Act.

Further, I am directed to inform that the direction of the Hon'ble Court's order dated 13.02.2019 has been issued in respect of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,