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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
Directorate of Tribal Welfare.
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Port Blair, dated the 15 April 2011.

To

The Joint Secretary to Govt. of India,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110 001.

Sub: **Implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your DO. letter No. 23011/12/2011- (FRA) dated 23.3.2011 regarding the subject mentioned above..

So far as the UT of A & N Islands is concerned, the above said Act is applicable only to the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes of these Islands. As there are no non-tribal traditional forest dwellers here.

In this context, the area inhabited by Scheduled Tribes has been declared as reserved area under the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956. The interests of the tribals in the reserved area are fully protected under the provisions of this Regulation. As provided under section 11, the provisions of the PAT Regulations and any rule made there under shall have over-riding effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any other law for the time being in force or in any instrument having effect by virtue of any such law.

As per the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 and Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Rule 2007 various Committees at State, District, Sub-Divisional/Island and Village Level have been constituted for implementation of Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.

The A & N Protected Forest Rules, 1986 have also been notified in exercise of powers conferred by Section 32 of the Forest Act 1927 (Act XVI of 1927) read with notification of Govt. of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs No. 69/49/50AN dt. 7th November 1951 vide Notification No. F.T/27/25 dt. 19th April 1997. Under Rule 13 of the above said Rules the

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