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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the 9th April'2013.

To

Shri Uttam Kumar Kar,
Under Secretary to Govt. of India,
Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi.110 001

Sub: Quarterly progress report as per amended Forest Rights Rules and status of Implementation of Forest Rights Act as per the final Action Plans presented by the State Governments in the national level meeting held on 3rd December,2012 & Monthly update on status of implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

Ref: Letter No. 23011/26/2012-FRA (Pt.II) dated 14.3.2013
Letter No. 23011/26/2012-FRA (Pt.II) dated 12.3.2013

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Sir,

I am directed to say that the Central Govt. issued the Constitution (Andaman & Nicobar Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1959 under Article 342 of the Constitution, notifying (Six) Aboriginal Tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as Scheduled Tribes. Subsequently, in exercise of the powers conferred under Clause (2) of Article 243 of the Constitution, the President promulgated the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956, for the protection of the interest of socially and economically backward aboriginal tribes in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Under the said Regulation, this Administration notified reserved areas, thereby prohibiting the entry as well as acquisition of any interest in land etc. of any person other than the members of the aboriginal tribes in the reserved area. Thus the interest of the scheduled tribes in A&N Islands have been fully protected by the Regulation, 1956 by exclusively