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PUC is a letter No. 1/CA/2003-2004/636 dated 11/08/2004 of Accounts Officer (Civil Aviation) forwarding chartering charges bill for Rs. 5,73,958/- (Rupees Five lakh seventy three thousand nine hundred fifty eight only) for use of Pawan Hans Helicopter regarding the visit of Scheduled Area and Scheduled Tribes Commission, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India to these Islands from 12th - 16th March 2004. This has a reference to our U.O Note No. 1-812/2003-TW (PF) dated 11/03/2004, at page 13/C. The Commission visited Dugong Creek, Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay by Pawan Hans Helicopter during their official tour to these Islands.

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As per the letter No. 16/TC/Admn/2002 dated 11/03/2004 at Page 73/C, the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the Chairman and the members of the Commission are to be provided transport, accommodation etc. during their official tour to this UT by the Administration. The tour programme of the Commission to southern group of islands by availing Pawan Hans helicopter service was approved by the Honorable Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands vide para No 1-5/N. Accordingly we sent our requisition to Director (Civil Aviation) vide this Office UO Note dated 11/03/2004 (page 13/C) referred to above for use of the Pawan Hans Helicopter for visit of the Commission to Southern Group of islands as per the following tour programme.

12/03/2004

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Departure Port Blair for Dugong Creek at 1220 Hrs.
Departure Dugong Creek for Car Nicobar at 1320 Hrs.

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Departure Car Nicobar for Campbell Bay at 0830 Hrs.
Departure Campbell Bay for Car Nicobar at 1330 Hrs.
Departure Car Nicobar for Port Blair at 1455 Hrs.

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As mentioned in our requisition we had requested the Director (CA) to book 5 seats in Pawan Hans helicopter initially for the visit of the Commission to Dugong Creek, Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar. But the department has claimed chartering charges for the use of helicopter from Port Blair to Dugong Creek, Dugong Creek to Car Nicobar and Car Nicobar to Campbell Bay and Campbell Bay to Port Blair via Car Nicobar indicating that a special sortie was undertaken for the visit of the Scheduled Area and Scheduled Tribes Commission to the above places (Pl. refer to the bill No.12 dated 03/08/2004 at flag 'A').