

and shall take the requisite steps along the lines stated in the preceding paragraphs,

48. That in the facts and circumstances stated above and the submissions made, it is prayed that the Hon'ble Court be pleased to:-

(a) allow the Administration to continue with the Sustainable Forest Management practices being followed in these islands, and allow rectifying only those deficiencies which have been accepted and which need strengthening or improvement;

(b) not consider any strategic change in Forest Management without substantive expert studies on the various issues raised by the petitioners and recommended by the Commission;

(c) consider appointment of an expert committee to go into the entire gamut of issues relating to ecology, environment, forestry in the islands, which will take care of the present/ future needs/ opportunities of these islands and its people.

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#### VERIFICATION

I the above named deponent do hereby verify that the contents of paras 1 to 48 are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and based on the available record shown to me and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at New Delhi on 07.08.2002

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