

① PUC placed at page 4/c is a request letter written by Smt. K. Gandhimathi (A/c. Tourist Luxury Coach bearing Registration No. AN 01 5675) addressed to the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, requesting to consider her case for grant of special permission on the ground of tourism promotion in the islands, stating that she was granted tourist luxury coach loan of Rs.9,00,000/- (Rupees nine lakhs only) by ANIIDCO under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration. She acquired the said tourist luxury coach and after completing all registration formalities, she had obtained Tourist Permit also.

② It is stated that the tourist luxury coach is the first of its kind in these islands and would be catering to the demand of the tourists as far as comfort and other associated facilities are concerned. She enclosed the photographs of the tourist vehicle (placed at page 4. to 8/c) for kind perusal. Now there is a hurdle of getting tourist permit for daily to and fro. Presently, she cannot return with the tourist on the same day which will not only incur monetary loss but also leave a bad impression in the minds of the tourists as there is no proper accommodation facility for accommodating 35 tourists. Since, there is a heavy influx of tourists especially to visit stalagmite live lime stone cave and mud volcano and return the same day. In this context she would like to bring to the knowledge of the Administration that ferry permit is not required and the police personal escort that is provided in the routine manner only will suffice. The destination of the bus will be only upto Middle Strait, which is in no way, would hamper the movement of traffic.

③ Finally, she has requested to grant the daily to and fro permit from Port Blair to Middle Strait.

④ In this connection, it is to say that the Baratang ; 100 Kms by road from Port Blair, Stalagmite Live Lime Stone Cave and Mud Volcano are the core attraction of the tourists. Though now there is regular boat service to and fro to Baratang on the same day, there are some tourists who may like to travel by road and certain