

D.C. (N&N) has been asked to furnish a report of closure of establishments - (Crosst, bar/restaurant and hotels) - at N. L. Nagar (N. Nagar shop) -
10/12/10

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
NORTH & MIDDLE ANDAMAN DISTRICT

NOTE

(1) It is to submit that the Commr-cum-Secretary (Tribal Welfare) has issued letter No. 1-752/2009-TW(PF)/834, dated 07th December, 2010 through the Asstt Commissioner (TW) to the undersigned regarding implementation of the Order dated 03.12.2010 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of declared Buffer Zone area. The Order says that - "*prima facie we are of the view that the petitioners have so far not taken steps to implement the Notification relating to Buffer Zone. Ld. Counsel for the petitioners shall seek specific instructions from the concerned authority of the A&N Administration and make a statement before this Court on the issue of closure of all commercial and tourist establishments within the Buffer Zone.*"

(2) The Buffer Zone Notification was issued on 31st October, 2007 by the Tribal Welfare Department. But the authenticated and notified map of the Buffer Zone area around the Jarawa tribal reserve area is not provided by the Tribal Welfare Department to this Office. It is also not mentioned in the Notification who will be the enforcing and implementing authorities. Now, the Tribal Welfare Department has requested this Department to remove all the commercial and tourist establishments within the Buffer Zone and submit action taken report immediately as per the order of the Apex Court. But, as the authenticated map is not available with this Office, it is very difficult to ascertain exactly which villages and the markets in those villages (commercial areas) come within the Buffer Zone boundary. The Commr-cum-Secretary (TW) has sent a map to the undersigned by e-mail on 08.12.2010 which indicates the Buffer Zone area. But the nature of this map is suggestive only and it is not an authenticated and notified version. Shri Moorthy, ACP, Forest Department (I/c, GIS Cell at Van Sadan) informed telephonically on enquiry that even the Billiground (Harinagar) and Nimbudera (Parashnagar) market areas come within the purview of Buffer Zone. There is one licensed ANIDCO wine shop in Harinagar and one not yet renewed Laxmi Bar & Restaurant in Nimbudera. Apart from this there are around 100 shops / hotels in Billiground and Nimbudera Bazar. These areas are otherwise also very sensitive. An action which will be taken from this Department to close the commercial establishments of the settler / local people will deprive them of their livelihood and it will certainly have far reaching consequences which may be difficult for the Administration to tackle with.

Even then, based upon the above mentioned letter of the Tribal Welfare Department, the undersigned has issued a note on 07th December, 2010 with the directions to the Tehsildars and D.F.Os of Baratang, Rangat and Mayabunder, the Medical