

waters around North Sentinel Island from time to time, and islands, the Navy and Coast Guard have been patrolling the Asian countries in the waters around the Andaman and Nicobar given the incidence of poaching by foreigners from South East permitted to go to the island for the last 4 years. However, expedition to the North Sentinel Island and no one has been year 1995 the A&N Administration has not sent any contact necessitated landing on the island for sometime. After the dismantling and disposal of these vessels and this activity Department of the Administration had arranged for the these could cause serious navigational hazards, the shipping M.V. Primrose, while the other vessel was M.V. Rusley. Since Sentinel Island. One of these was a Panamanian vessel called years ago two vessels had run aground in the vicinity of North the team left the place without seeing the Sentinelese. A few that, articles were merely left on the beach, and thereafter the year 1996, but these were not friendly expeditions, in coconut. After this, there were infrequent expeditions upto resistance from the Sentinelese and they accepted gifts of SA Awaradi was able to land on this island without any 1991 when a team led by the Director of Tribal Welfare, Shri only known friendly contact with the Sentinelese took place in policy of the Administration previously being followed. The with them had been few and far between, even with the contact the Sentinelese continue to be a hostile tribe and contacts have traditionally been based only in North Sentinel Island. the Sentinelese, the third tribe in the Negrito group,

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