

**SUPREME COURT MATTER**

No.F.20(G-I)/1/717

कार्यालय प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक  
अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप समूह  
वन सदन, हैडो

**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS  
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS  
VAN SADAN - HADDO**

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Port Blair, dated the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

To

The Assistant Commissioner (TW),  
Directorate of Tribal Welfare,  
A & N Administration,  
Port Blair.

**Sub: Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 12125/2010 (A & N  
Administration – vs – M/s Barefoot Inn Leisures Pvt. Ltd – reg.**

**Ref: Assistant Commissioner (TW)'s Letter No. 1-752/2009-TW  
(PF)/833 dated 07.12.2010.**

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter cited above. The views/comments  
of the Department of Environment & Forests are as follows:

1. Lime Stone Cave, Mud Volcano and Parrot Island are eco-tourism sites in the forest area. Eco-tourism is one of the approved Plan Schemes of the Department of Environment & Forests, A&N Administration.
2. The Department is not undertaking any commercial activities in these sites and is maintaining the sites even prior to the A&N Administration's Notification F.No.1-752/2007-TW dated 30.10.2007 declaring buffer zone for the Tribal Reserve.
3. Lime Stone Cave and Mud Volcano are geologically important sites and research activities are being conducted by reputed National Institutes at these sites. Scientific data on the emission of gases are being collected at Mud Volcano regularly.

Yours faithfully,

*George*

(George Jacob)

Conservator of Forests  
(Headquarters)