

reply and craves leave to file a detailed reply in due course, if deemed necessary.

2. The Petitioner is seeking to interpret the notification dated 30.10.2007 contrary to the unambiguous words of the notification. The notification declares the area upto 5 kms from the Boundary Line starting from Constance Bay in South Andaman to Lewis Inlet Bay in Middle Andaman as a Buffer Zone and further states any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe is prohibited from entering the Buffer Zone for any commercial and/or tourist activities. The notification does not define and/or qualify the words "commercial and tourist activities". The words are unambiguous and have to be given their ordinary meaning. The petitioner is however seeking to redefine the said words in the affidavit under reply and limit the scope of the said words.

3. It is submitted that the Petitioner's interpretation of the buffer zone notification of 2007 defeats the very purpose for which it has been enacted as stated by the Petitioner i.e. to discourage Jarawas from mixing with local population and to preserve the human heritage, their life style and culture. The Petitioner is seeking to water down the notification by contending that commercial and tourist activities in buffer zone must not be interpreted in a manner to prejudice the livelihood of the settlers and shops, tea stalls, grocery, small business etc. should be exempted and do not fall within the mischief of the words commercial and tourism activities under the notification. It is stated that the very nature of these activities carried

