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Subject: Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Administration & Others Vs. M/s
 Barefoot Inn & Leisures Pvt. Ltd. SLP (Civil) No. 12125/2010

The above-mentioned matter was on board today and the Hon'ble Court was informed that a proposed amendment to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulations, 1956 will be made which will *inter alia*, authorize the Lieutenant Governor to define a buffer zone and to define "commercial and tourist activities". The Court has adjourned the matter to 4th November, 2011 for the finalization of the said proposed regulation. A copy of the order is enclosed herewith as Annexure A-1.

In the meantime, the Court has directed that the existing notification of 30th October, 2007 be implemented in letter and spirit.

You are aware that under the existing notification Buffer Zone cannot be used for any commercial and / or tourist activities. I am informed that a certain amount of tourist activity is currently permitted in the Limestone caves and mudquerry in Baratang Island.