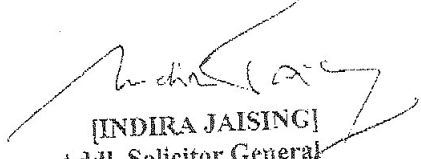


1. Is it intended to continue with tourism in the lime caves and mud volcanoes? If the answer is in the affirmative, kindly ensure that the definition of "commercial and tourist activity" is appropriately worded to exclude such tourism from the definition of prohibited tourism.
2. Is it intended to exclude commercial activity around the jettys? If the answer is in the affirmative, kindly ensure that the definition is worded so as to exclude such activity from being prohibited in the buffer zone.

Finally, I am informed that certain settlement and revenue villages fall within the buffer zone. If the Explanation is intended to allow activity of a commercial nature in the said settlement areas, it may be stated that such activity in the settlement is excluded from the definition of commercial activity.

I have taken the liberty to put this on record since the court has said that the existing notification must be implemented in "letter and spirit".

Yours faithfully,

  
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