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ANDMAN AND NICOABAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the 30th August' 2011.

To

Shri M.Gopal Reddy,
Joint Secretary (UT),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

**Sub:- Proposal for amendment of Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 - reg.**

Ref: (i) Letter No. 1-467/2009-TW/445 dated 22.7.2010.
(ii) Letter No. 1-467/2009-TW/461 dated 04.6.2011.

Sir,

This is with reference to the observations made by Ms. Indira Jaisingh, Additional Solicitor General of India representing the Administration in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition Appeal (Civil) No. 12125/2010 dated 1-8-2011 addressed to the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration and to the Ministry.

The Additional Solicitor General of India has drawn the attention on the Draft Andaman & Nicobar Islands (PAT) Regulation, 1956, which the Administration has sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs for amendment during June, 2011. It is suggested by ASG to appropriately word the definition of commercial and tourist activities in the Draft Regulation to protect the interest of the local residents and also to implement the Buffer Zone Notification effectively.

In view of the above, the draft proposal of PAT Regulation sent to the MHA in June, 2011, was reconsidered by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration. Considering the ground situation and regulation of specific activities which may have a negative effect on the tribal population, further revision to the proposed amendment is submitted in the following Sections:-