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No. U-11023/1/2010-UTL (pt)

Govt. of India

Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi, the 14th October, 2011

To,

The Chief Secretary
Andaman and Nicobar Administration
Secretariat, Port Blair-744101

Subject:- SLP (Civil) No. 12125/2010 regarding Buffer Zone

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 1-467/2009-TW/856 dated 14.10.2011 on the above subject and to say that the proposal for promulgation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) (Amendment) Regulation, 2011 for making provisions for Buffer Zone is required to be examined in consultation with the subject matter Ministries including the Ministry of Law and Justice, before placing before the Cabinet for consideration/approval. After approval of the Cabinet, the aforesaid Amendment Regulation shall be promulgated by the President by notification. The issue of notification in respect of the aforesaid proposal needs more time beyond the extension of time granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court i.e. upto 4.11.2011.

As the aforesaid case is being pursued by the UT Administration and the Ministry of Home is not a party to the aforesaid Court case, it is requested that the UT Administration may seek extension of time from the Hon'ble Supreme Court for 3 months in the aforesaid case. The UT Administration is also requested to brief the Addl. Solicitor General accordingly, if required.

Yours faithfully,

(T. Narasimhan)

Under Secretary to Govt. of India

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