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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
SECRETARIAT : PORT BLAIR

Port Blair dated the 18th October, 2011

To

Shri T.Narasimhan
Under Secretary to Govt. of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi.


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

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter No.U-11023/1/2010-UTL dated 14th October 2011 on the above subject to re-examine the issue. Considering the local situation, as already explained in our letter No. 1-467/2009-TW/856 dated 4th October 2011, it is reiterated that there is no immediate need to regulate commercial and industrial establishment within the Buffer Zone. As these are few and are an integral part of day to day life of the villages falling within the Buffer Zone, providing employment to local settlers.

The main issue in protecting the Socio-Cultural fabric of the Jarawa Tribe living adjacent to these villages is the recent trend in setting up of tourist establishments. Although, such establishment may employ 20-30 or even more local persons, however even a 30-40 rooms, resort/restaurant etc will normally be used by 1500 - 2000 guests/tourists on a monthly basis. Such persons coming from the mainland for a short trip are normally insensitive to the local situation. And such constant flow of outsiders promoted by tourism, is the main reason why we are seeking to control only tourist related activities specially setting up of permanent facilities within the Buffer Zone close to the Tribal Reserve.

Yours faithfully,


(Govind Ram)
Assistant Commissioner (TW)

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