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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

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Port Blair, dated the 24th Nov., 2011

To

The Secretary to Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

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

Sir,

I am directed to refer Ministry's letter No.U-11023/1/2010-UTL dated 22nd
November, 2011 addressed to the Pr.Secretary(TW), A&N Admn. enclosing therein a
letter dated 16.11.2011 from Ms.Indira Jaisingh, Additional Solicitor General.

The Additional Solicitor General of India has mentioned about the tourist
activities around the mud-volcano and limestone cave. In this regard, it is
submitted that the Administration has already admitted on 13/12/2010 while filing
the reply before the Supreme Court that the nature based tourism activities were
promoted by the Andaman Nicobar Admn. to showcase the natural wealth of this
Islands which includes the limestone cave and mud-volcano in Baratang Island.

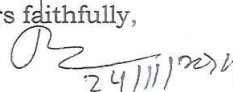

The Administration has submitted the final draft proposal to the Ministry for
the amendment of the PAT Regulation on 19/11/2011 defining the commercial
activities/tourist establishments in the proposed draft for amendment, after
discussion with Home Secretary on 14/11/2011.

The Administration has reduced the number of convoys passing through the
Jarawa reserve area on Andaman Trunk Road from 8 to 4. The Jarawa Policy of
2004 is under review and more systematic studies and research on the life of the
tribal community, documentation of various aspect of tribal life and their need on a
vis changing scenario will be taken up. The research work shall be carried out in
consultation and association with the Anthropological Survey of India.

We have also prepared an affidavit giving all these facts, for the 25th Nov,
2011 hearing. (copy enclosed for reference). The undersigned has been deputed to
brief the Additional Solicitor General on 24th Nov, 2011 as well and will be present
during the hearing.

Encl: A/A

Yours faithfully,


24/11/2011
 (SOM NAIDU)
Director (TW)