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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER

IN THE MATTER OF:

Andaman & Nicobar Administration

...Petitioner

VERSUS

Barefoot Inn Leisures Pvt Ltd.

..Respondents

I, Kuldeep Singh Thakur, aged about 43 years presently working as Deputy Resident Commissioner, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair at New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under :-

AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER

1. That I am conversant with the facts and circumstances of the case as reflected in the records, and am competent and authorized to affirm the instant affidavit on behalf of the Petitioner herein.
2. That the Petitioner made a reference to the Ministry of Home Affairs for issuing a notification amending the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (PAT) Regulations, 1956 hereinafter referred to as ("PAT Regulations")
3. On 14.11.2011 a meeting was convened by the Home Secretary which was attended by the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary (Tribal Affairs) to discuss amendment to PAT Regulations in order to make stricter and specific regulation with regard to operation of commercial establishments within the buffer zone.
4. It is further submitted that in view of the discussion held on 14.11.2011 a revised draft amendment was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs on 19.11.2011. The