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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No. 12125 of 2010

IN THE MATTER OF:

Andaman & Nicobar Administration ... Petitioner

Versus

Barefoot Inn Leisure Pvt. Ltd. ... Respondent

**Affidavit on behalf of the Petitioner pursuant to order of this  
Hon'ble Court dated 03/12/2010**

I, Kuldip Singh Thakur, aged 42 years, presently Deputy Resident Commissioner, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Andaman House, Chanakyapuri, do solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That I am conversant with the facts and circumstances of the case as reflected in the record, and am competent and authorized to affirm the instant affidavit on behalf of the Petitioner herein.
2. That the present Petition seeks to challenge the impugned order of the Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court upholding the order of the Learned Single Judge by which the notification dated 30.10.2007 notifying a buffer zone of 5 km radius around the Jarawa Tribal Reserve, has been quashed. The Petitioner contends that the notification dated 30.10.2007 has been issued under powers conferred by Section 3(1) of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 (hereinafter, "PAT Regulation"), and the notification of a buffer zone is in