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5. And whereas this office received a letter on 23/11/2010 from Smt Laxmi Bepari and 11 other women of Basantpur Panchayat that presently illicit liquor is being sold in hidden places at Nimbudera. The petitioners requested to look into this matter and renew the bar licence to control the illicit liquor business. This office desired to enquire this matter through the police authorities.

6. And whereas meanwhile on 07/12/2010 this office received a letter no. 1-752/2009-TW(PF)/834 from the Assistant Commissioner (TW) in the matter of Special Leave Petition (Civil) no. 12125 (A & N Administration -vs- M/s. Barefoot Inn & Leisures Pvt. Ltd.) regarding the order dated 03/12/2010 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which says that -

*"Prima facie we are of the view that the petitioner have so far not taken steps to implement the notification relating to Buffer Zone. Learned Counsel for the petitioner shall seek specific instructions from the concerned authority of the A & N Administration and make a statement before this court on the issue of closure of all commercial and tourist establishments within the Buffer Zone."*

7. And whereas the above mentioned letter of Directorate of Tribal Welfare states that the commercial and tourist establishments within the Buffer Zone which is declared by the A & N Administration on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 must be closed. The Directorate of Tribal Welfare lays emphasis on closure of bars and restaurants which are operating within the Buffer Zone. As per the information and map provided by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare through email, the Nimbudera/Paresh Nagar village belongs to the Buffer zone. The GIS cell of Forest Department at Van Sahan, Hadda, Port Blair has informed telephonically that the Nimbudera Bazar comes under the Buffer Zone area. The Directorate of Tribal Welfare has specifically stated in its letter


