It is submitted that Hon'ble Supreme Court passed order on 21/01/2013 in the SLP(C)WP.No.12125/2010 and said order has been hosted in the Web site of Hon'ble Supreme Court yesterday (29/01/2013), a copy of which is placed below. The following is the extract of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

"At the commencement of the hearing learned Additional Solicitor General produced before the Court Xerox copy of the Notification dated 17.01.2013 issued by Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman & Nicobar Islands and a site map indicating the Jarawa Reserved area. The documents produced by the Additional Solicitor General are taken on record.

The learned Additional Solicitor General should instruct the officer-in-charge of the case to file an additional affidavit along with the detailed plan of Reserved Area as far as Buffer Zone indicating therein particular spots of settlement, if any, in the reserved area. For further consideration, the case is adjourned to 26.02.2013.

Till the next date, the petitioners may allow entry of the Sovernment officials and the persons who are settled within the Reserved Area. The movement of the vehicles required for transportation of essential commodities meant for Jarawa Tribe and other communities living in the reserved area may also be permitted. However, no private individual or tourists shall be allowed to pass through the road by using a vehicle or otherwise for going to the caves."

Already an internal note has been circulated among the concerned Departments with the direction to implement the order of Hon'ble Court both in letter and in spirit, a copy of which is placed below for perusal. Since the formal order has now been received, we may direct the Departments to comply with the orders.

During the visit of Shri Paras Kuhad, Assistant Solicitor General and Shri R.Balasubramanian, Standing Counsel to Port Blair, the above matter was discussed in the meeting of Senior Officers held in Raj Niwas on yesterday (29/01/2013). The materials required to prepare affidavit to be filed before Hon'ble Court were handed over to Shri Balasubramanian in-person. He will prepare a draft affidavit and forward to the Administration for finalisation and approval.

Submitted for kind information.

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