

Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary held meetings on 22.8.2012, 24.9.2012, 29.10.12, 7.11.12, 9.11.12 and on 19.11.12. The Chairman of the High Level Committee namely the Chief Secretary conducted also a consultative meeting with the representatives of Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Police and Forest on 7.11.2012. The Committee chaired by the Chief Secretary submitted its final report on Buffer zone on 27.11.2012.

17. That thereafter, the report was carefully examined by the Administrator, A&N Islands who approved on 16.1.2013 a revised Buffer zone notification invoking his power under section 3(A) of the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation. The revised Buffer zone notification has been notified in the Official Gazette of Andaman & Nicobar Administration on 17.1.2013, and a copy of which has already been taken on record by this Hon'ble Court during the hearing