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**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
VAN SADAN, HADDU.**



Port Blair, dated the 4th October, 2006

To

The Director (Tribal Welfare),
A & N Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub : Visit of the Scientific Expert Committee to go into the report of Sh. Sekhar Singh on the 'Status of Forests & other allied matters in A & N Islands' -reg.
Sir,

It is to inform that the above Scientific Expert Committee will be visiting these Islands on 27th October, 2006. During the visit, the following issues related to your department are likely to be discussed and the same is reproduced below:

1. What are the varieties of nonwood and animal products traditionally used by tribes? Is there any scope for starting handicraft units for the tribes and local people.
2. What is the level of tribal knowledge about forests regarding identification of plant species particularly medicinal, availability and quantity of nonwood products, and animals, birds, reptiles, fishes etc.? Is there a possibility of starting a para or auxiliary forestry force for the study and conservation of biodiversity.

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You are requested to send the information before 13.10.2006 positively.

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Yours faithfully

(Madhawa Trivedy)
Chief Conservator of Forests
(Planning & Development)

M. Trivedy
04/10/06

Copy to

1. The Director of Industries, A & N Administration, Port Blair to provide information in respect of item No.1 referred above.
2. The Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair to provide information on Point No.2 referred above.