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The Chief Secretary,
Andaman & Nicobar Island,
Port Blair

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Sub: Visit of the Scientific Expert Committee to Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

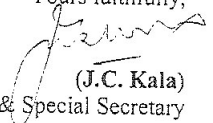
Sir,

As you are aware, this Ministry in pursuance of the meeting taken by Special Secretary, Home on 2nd September, 2005 has constituted a Scientific Expert Committee to go into the report of Shri Shekhar Singh on the 'Status of Forest and Other Allied Matters in Andaman and Nicobar Islands'. The necessary constitution of the Committee and the Terms of Reference were communicated to you vide this Ministry's order of even number dated 6th September, 2005. However, subsequently there has been a change in the composition of the Committee and in place of Smt. Kanchan Chopra and Shri Vinaya Srivastava, the two new members are Prof. K.V. Raju and Prof. Vijay S. Sahay. The present composition of the Committee and the Terms of Reference is enclosed as Annexure-I.

The Committee met twice in Delhi and deliberated on various issues at length and decided to visit Andaman & Nicobar Islands: (i) to elicit responses of different stakeholders including the Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, on the issues as mentioned in Annexure-II from different stakeholders given by Prof. Babu, the Chairman of the Committee, and (ii) for the spot assessment of the status of natural and managed forests.

I am further enclosing a tour programme of the Committee's visit to Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Annexure-III). I shall appreciate, if you could request a senior officer of the Administration to act as a nodal officer and also provide necessary supporting staff to the Committee to facilitate its visit and support in its various meetings in the Islands so that Committee can get the required inputs within the stipulated time period. I shall also appreciate, if you could extend local hospitality (lodging and boarding) and internal travel to the Committee and the escorting officer of the Ministry during their stay at Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Yours faithfully,


(J.C. Kala)
Director General of Forests & Special Secretary

Encl: As above

Copy to:

- 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Administration for information.
A set of above mentioned documents is also enclosed.
- 2) Prof. C.R. Babu, Chairman of Scientific Expert Committee for kind information please.