

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (i) To study the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders on the environmental issues related to forestry and wildlife in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the recommendations of the Shekhar Singh Commission in detail and to identify the aspects which are consistent with the sustainable development of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and the extent to which the Supreme Court Order might act as a serious deterrent to these activities without commensurate environmental and social benefits.
- (ii) To evaluate the Shekhar Singh Committee's recommendations from the stand point of natural science, environmental economics, cultural anthropology and forestry principles.
- (iii) To recommend good practices for environmental protection in Andaman & Nicobar Islands while not unnecessarily impeding their sustainable development.
- (iv) To identify issues which should be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Supreme Court by filing a review petition, if necessary. The post-tsunami and earthquake impact may also be looked into in this context.

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